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President's Message

Hope everyone had a great Holiday.

First, I would like to thank Deb Engelhardt for serving as our secretary for the last two years. I know you have other interests pulling you for now, but don't be a stranger to SCGS.

Speaking of SCGS, the presentations for 2024 have been lined up and sound very informative, and if the weather doesn't cooperate - there is the Zoom option so you don't miss out on anything. If you want to know what has been planned, you can check the website or our great newsletter editor to keep us informed on what is coming up for the next month.

Hope to see many of you in person or by zoom at our next meeting - January 8.

Nancy

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Story County Genealogical Society Meeting Minutes November 13, 2023

In Person at Ames Public Library and via Zoom

The meeting began under the direction of President Nancy Long at 6:39 p.m. with 6 people participating via Zoom and 10 people attended in person.

Minutes of the October 9, 2023 society meeting were approved as printed in the SCGS Newsletter.

Treasurer Pete Peterson presented the October 2023 treasurer's report. There were no PayPal dues. There were no questions and the report will be filed for audit.

Malvina Lutz, Librarian, reported she now has 6 possible genealogy-related books for consideration to the Ames Public Library for March 2024.

Marti Steelman, SCGS member, read the following for election of officers.
*Web Manager, Mary Lohr
*Co-Web Manager, Gwenna Jacobson
*Librarian, Malvina Lutz
*Publicity, Rhonda Graham, currently being reviewed
*V.P. Membership, Jolene Webber
Jolene is currently taking medical treatments and Malvina Lutz has offered to take over on an interim basis.
*Secretary, Deborah Engelhardt
A motion was made on the floor to elect Lynette Spicer as new secretary. The motion was seconded. Nancy Long restated the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion was approved by all.

Nancy reminded all of the upcoming **Genealogy Plus** Meeting, Nov. 15 (Wed.) at the Ames Public Library, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. **"Conquering Genealogical Distractibility Disorder"** Presenter: Martha Grenzeback
This will be a virtual presentation that you can attend at the Ames Public Library (Danfoss room) or via Zoom at home. The Zoom link can be found on the APL page.

There is also a Genealogy Help Session scheduled for Wednesday, November 22 in the APL Auditorium at 10:00 a.m.

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Dick Cooper, Newsletter Editor is gathering articles for the January newsletter.

Discussions were shared by many who attended in person and via Zoom relative to genealogy books or references that may be of interest to others.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.
Submitted by Deb Engelhardt, Secretary

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Books with some page references:
Death in Salem: The Private Lives Behind the 1692 Witch Hunt by Diane E. Foulds, p. 114
The Devil in Massachusetts: A Modern Enquiry into the Salem Witch Trials by Marion L. Starkey, p. 181, p. 185
The Devil in the Shape of a Woman: Witchcraft in Colonial New England by Carol F. Karlsen
The Devil Made Me Do It! Crime and Punishment in Early New England by Juliet Haines Mofford, p. 143
The Esoteric Codex: Witch Hunting, Section 2.111 Salem Witch Trials
Historical Sketches of Andover, (comprising the present towns of North Andover and Andover) by Sarah Lorin Bailey, published 1880
Salem Possessed: the Social Origins of Witchcraft by Paul Boyer and Stephen Nissenbaum, p. 191
The Witches: Salem, 1692 by Stacy Schiff, p. 147

News About the SCGS Newsletter

by Mary J. Lohr

All 2023 issues of SCGS News are now available at the Internet Archive (archive.org).

You can locate them by searching for: scgs news
Search for them in the search box, not the WaybackMachine.

The collection spans 2010 to 2023. Some of the issues for 2010 to 2012 are missing.
The issues for January 2017 onward are also on the SCGS website (storygenes.com)

So, if you want to see a bit of history about the Story County Genealogical Society you can browse the archived copies. One might even consider this part of the ancestry of SCGS!

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Searching in the Netherlands

What do you need to know to do effective research in The Netherlands? Lin will outline several options. ***This presentation will be virtual. You may watch via Zoom or at the Ames, Public Library.***

Presenter: Lin Cornelius Strong

Genealogy Plus
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Online Library Resources for Genealogy Research

Learn more about the online resources offered for genealogical research at the Ames Public Library. We will take a deep dive into Ancestry Library Edition and Heritage Quest, and review other digitized resources for genealogical research in Ames and throughout the state.

Presenter: Megan Klein-Hewett (APL)

Genealogy and Computer Help Session

Get some help and advice on your genealogy research. Email or call someone at SCGS to arrange a meeting time and place. No appointment necessary.

SET THE DATE! 2024 LECTURE SERIES AT THE AMES HISTORY MUSEUM

The 2024 Lecture Series schedule is shown below. It is presented in partnership with the Ames Public Library. All lectures begin at 7:00 pm.

- **February 27** - History of the Earliest Churches in Ames
- **March 27** - Iowa's Ethnic Heritage
- **April 23** - Celebrating 100 Years: Roosevelt School to Roosevelt Condos
- **May 22** - From Physical Culture to Dept. of Physical Education at Iowa State

Zoom registration is required. You can go to https://ameshistory.org and register for the appropriate lecture or call 515-232-2148 or go to the Contact Us page to send them a message via email.

Editor's Column – Welcome 2024!!!!

Here we are in another year. Like Nancy said, the year is off to a good start based on the programs lined up. The Ames History Museum is scheduled to open in the summer of 2024, that should be exciting to see new displays and more space in the expanded building.

Please look at the SCGS minutes on page 2 of the newsletter and you will see the new officers elected at the 2023 November Annual Meeting.

I'm still asking various SCGS members if they could create a WordSearch puzzle using numbers instead of letters. It won't be an easy task, but I would hope that someone can do it.

Here's hoping that everyone will have a Happy New Year to open 2024.

Dick

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

January 1, 2024 – New Year's Day
January 7 – Estelle Reel Day (WY)
January 8 – Battle of New Orleans (LA)
January 13 – Stephen Foster Memorial Day
January 15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 15 – Robert E. Lee's Birthday (AL,MS)
January 15 – Idaho Human Rights Day (ID)
January 15 – Civil Rights Day (AR, NH)
January 19 – Robert E. Lee's Birthday (FL)
January 19 – State Holiday (GA)
January 19 – Confederate Heroes' Day (TX)
January 29 – Kansas Day (KS)

There are many other religious and regional holidays to celebrate in August. For worldwide holidays and observances: https://www.Timeanddate.com/holidays/ .

Some of the observances are provided on the US Census website: Stats for Stories (census.gov).

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I have an idea for a program for SCGS or an idea for an article in the newsletter.
What's a Genealogist to do?

> *Take a deep breath and slowly exhale. Then contact Dick Cooper, SCGS News editor or email SCGS President Nancy Long at info@storygenes.com. Even better, attend one of our meetings and present your ideas to one of our officers or members.*

I'm overwhelmed with papers (and more papers). How can I reduce the clutter of the papers and record my research digitally?
What's a Genealogist to do?

> *Take a deep breath and slowly exhale. Then plan to attend the Monday, April 8 program by Kyle Solberg called "Digital Genealogy: Bring Your Family History into the Digital Age."*

Family Reunion Follow-Up

Fidella Marty (SCGS member) gave a very interesting program to SCGS members in October 2022. It was about planning and executing a family reunion. Now that 2023 is over, Fidella has the following questions for everyone:

1. Did you attend a Family Reunion in 2023?
2. Did you plan a Family Reunion in 2023?
3. Are you planning a Family Reunion?
4. Do you need help in planning a Reunion?

If you are planning a family reunion in 2024, she would like to hear from you. Please send an email to info@storygenes.com for more information.

Check out this beautiful Christmas tree. I'm not certain who decorated this tree, but if I were to guess I would say that Jim and Mary Lohr had a large part to do with it.

Here's hoping that everyone had a good holiday season and have a happy 2024.

Witches, Politics and Family

"My wife is poorly," said Joseph Ballard. "I think she has been witched."

Witch-naming came to Andover in the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1692 through my blood relatives six generations back.

Family genealogy, six books, studies via the Internet, and the many original documents through genealogy sites have been used in constructing my story of my family. The story is as true as I can make it.

Joseph and Elizabeth Ballard were from families who came to this land among the Puritans in the early 1600's. Joseph's father, William Ballard, is listed among the original inhabitants when Andover was incorporated in 1646.

The Puritans did not come for religious freedom for all. They came to purify the practices of the Church of England while remaining English citizens. They came to practice their own strict interpretation of that old religion and to practice it fiercely. They came to make their rules and enforce the rules of their church over life, government, and law.

Those not loved by the Puritans were all other main groups in the country at that time. Pilgrims made a complete break with England and the Church of England. Quakers challenged not only Puritan theology but also its society and government. People of the First Nations (sometimes referred to as Native Americans) had land and wealth the Puritans and the other groups were killing them to have. Colonists who came for land and wealth but with no suggestion of religion were to be tolerated if they could be converted or used in some way for financial gain.

Joseph and Elizabeth might have been model Puritans. Neither they nor their children appear in histories of those punished for infractions of Puritanism. It is only Elizabeth's illness and Joseph's search for a cause that brought them to the forefront in the beliefs and histories of that time.

Joseph farmed, built and operated a grain and fulling mill* with his brother, paid his share to support the Preacher, put up his share of the preacher's firewood, and took care of his wife and 11 children.

Elizabeth ran the household and gave birth to 11 children over 20 years. Housewife and mother were her primary jobs. In that time of limited medical knowledge and limited availability of doctors, she gave birth to 9 strong and healthy children. The baby girl born 10th lived only nine days. The baby girl born 11th lived to be only two years old.

Between March of 1687 and July of 1692, scarcely five years, Elizabeth continued to run the household and meet the needs of her husband while dealing with the loss of two children and a physical affliction that finally sent her to bed with a lingering illness.

Elizabeth was poorly in 1692.

Puritans were told constantly they were born in sin (that Adam and Eve thing) and had to be ever vigilant lest the evil take them. Although they were predestined for salvation or damnation, that determination could not be known while they lived. They developed their own "signs" about salvation versus damnation. If you were successful, you were probably saved. If you were destitute, you were probably damned. They were expected to watch and report on one another lest evil slip into their community.

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One doctor said his patient was beyond medical care. That was taken to mean the spiritual was involved with illnesses of that time. Evil, it seemed, could reach into their community.

Fear was everywhere.

Punishments were harsh as there was no thought of redemption—only demonstration of evil. Public whippings, stocks, pillories, pressing, hanging and torture (even of children) seemed to have been deemed "opportunities" to save your soul, if you confessed and repented. Is there a contradiction with Predestination here?

Families watched the punishments. It was educational.

In order for heads of families to take care of their children, there evolved a set of rules for inheritance. There was a finite amount of land and if each male child received land and each female received money, where could enough for all be found?

The Charter from England of 1629 resulted in local management and little control from England. That Charter was revoked in 1684. It was not until 1691 that a new Charter was delivered. This new Charter instituted royal governance from England. Now ownership of the lands and properties established under the first Charter was called into question.

Joseph Ballard's land grant was made in the time between the Charters, when there was no guaranteed form of government and therefore, no guaranteed land or property ownership. He had taken necessary steps all along to protect his holdings. In 1678, Charles II of England had demanded that all men, including those in the Colonies, swear an oath of allegiance to him. Joseph took the oath on February 1, 1678 in Andover. Joseph's holdings were as safe as any.

Some sought to use the uncertainty of land ownership under the 1691 Charter to their advantage.

In 1692, Giles Corey saw through the accusation and dispossession ruse and refused to cooperate in any attempt at trial. When he learned he had been accused, he signed over his possessions and land to his sons-in-law. For the good of his soul and of the community, he was then "pressed" in hope he could confess and repent and save his soul. Save his soul? What happened to predestination?

He was placed face up with a plank over his body, and stones were added until his chest and body were crushed. His only comment during the torture was "More weight, more weight." He was crushed to death in keeping with church, government, and legal rules. An attempt was made to seize his land and assets but his move to protect them held. And his soul? Forgotten in the flurry of attempted seizures of his property and wealth?

Greed continued to grow.

These plain Christian Puritans in their righteous fervor, fear and greed employed much more of the awful.

When two girls in Salem, Massachusetts Bay Colony, began to claim being "witched," and naming witches, some feared evil, which could be punished by attacking the person. Some looked to righteous greed or "serves you right" dispossession and took everything from anyone accused as a witch—in one instance, even the stew cooking on the stove.

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The two girls? They had great power over everyone including those who came to imitate them and over those whom they could name "witches." They were no longer plain. They were the celebrities of their time.

Elizabeth was poorly. Was it a physical illness? Was it some sort of "woman's trouble?" Was it postpartum depression? Was it simply enormous sorrow? Was it depression from the death of two babies? What about the subsequent loss of two souls for the church? Did the end of her usefulness as homemaker and mother frighten her in a society that saw those as the purposes for women?

Joseph Ballard said, "I think she has been witched." With the encouragement of the leaders in Andover, he sent to Salem and had the two girls brought to Elizabeth's bedside. They did their performance of twitching and turning and cried out that they saw a specter standing at the head of her bed and another at the foot. She had surely been witched.

The two accusers were led to other sick beds where they provided the same show and declaration. Joseph and his brother, Constable John Ballard, plus the other men of the community now had the women of the community brought to the meetinghouse. There they paraded by the girls with the girls doing their twitch and name thing time after time until all of the first 40 had been named witches.

At that point, Constable John Ballard refused to write out any more warrants for arrest. Others stepped up and the final number was nearly 60. That was more than had been accused in Salem. Why were so many named in Andover? Some say the girls did not know anyone in Andover so could not be coached to name only those whom others feared or wanted to dispossess. In the excitement of it all, they kept their celebrity status and power as they accused everyone who came before them.

Elizabeth was poorly and five days after the visit to her sickbed, she died.

Joseph remarried within three months after Elizabeth's death. Family was central to Puritans.

After the horrendous year of 1692, these Puritan Christians in power began to question what they were doing. Some of those accused were among the preachers, their families, and the other leaders of the community and their families. It is one thing to accuse and dispossess "those" people and something else again to be among those who may be accused and dispossessed.

It took years to clear the names of the innocent. There was no resurrection for the men, women, and children who were hanged, pressed, or allowed to die in the horrific jails of the time.

Are there enough checks and balances to protect this country from another time of mass hysteria? I am 10th generation this continent and 5th generation Iowa. As I begin to hear again the rhetoric of purified or perfect society such as that found in my research of family, Puritans and the Salem Witch Trials, I am afraid.

Patricia Rose Ballard Coffie
C2016, 2023
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*"Fulling" is beating and cleaning of wool cloth in water with a hammer to remove the natural lanolin and to shrink loose fibers.

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What's a Genealogist to Do? …

by Mary J. Lohr

It's January, the holidays are over, and I am ready to resume researching my ancestry. But it's all so overwhelming. Boxes of photos, pages of printouts, email messages. Where should I start?
What's a Genealogist to do?

> *Take a deep breath and slowly exhale. Then decide **one** item you want to research or clarify or organize. Develop a written plan and tackle one item as you begin. You can't accomplish it all in one day. Set a realistic goal.*

I've done a lot of work on my ancestors in the USA but now would like to "jump the pond" and research the next generation in another country in Europe (or Asia, Australia, Africa, etc.)
What's a Genealogist to do?

> *Take a deep breath and slowly exhale. Write down your research goal and formulate a plan.*
> *Gather as much information as you can find about your immigrant ancestry in the USA before researching overseas. Check the resources of the FamilySearch Research Wiki for guidance.*
> *Also check for Facebook pages or groups relevant to the area where your ancestor lived.*
> *The WorldGen website may also have some resources. Check for relevant societies such as the Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Ostfriesen Genealogical Society of America, Norwegian-American Genealogical Association, Museum of Danish America, etc.*

The cost of subscription websites is beyond my budget. How can I research without emptying my bank account?
What's a Genealogist to do?

> *Take a deep breath and slowly exhale. There are still many free and low-cost websites available. Use Ancestry Library Edition, HeritageQuest, and other resources available at many public libraries. Ask other Story County Genealogical Society members for assistance. Plan to attend the March 20th Genealogy Plus program (available in person and online) at the Ames Public Library by SCGS News editor Dick Cooper, entitled "Free and Useful Sites for Genealogical Research."*

Family members are not really interested in my genealogy discoveries or research. They are "polite" but quickly change the topic. (Sometimes their eyes even gloss over!)
What's a Genealogist to do?

> *Take a deep breath and slowly exhale. Then make your way to the Story County Genealogical Society and members who share a passionate interest in all thing's genealogy. Visit our website at storygenes.com, attend one of our meetings, join us for a social gathering (often lunch at a restaurant following a day time program), or reach out to us at info@storygenes.com*

I've heard a bit about the FamilySearch.org website and that it is free. How can I learn to use the site to do some genealogy?
What's a Genealogist to do?

> *Take a deep breath and slowly exhale. Then plan to attend the February 21, 2024 Genealogy Plus program by Jim and Annette Anderegg on "Using FamilySearch.org for Research."*

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Old Occupations in Genealogy #4 - SCGS Word Search #49

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Words may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal and may be backward
Answers at Word Search Answers on the Story County Genealogical Society website

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AURIFABER	COLPORTEUR	GAOLER	HUCKSTER	NETTIR
BANKSMAN	CUTLER	GLASSEWRYGHT	JAGGER	OSLER
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President's Message

Sure is good to see the sun out today. Hope everyone faired well during all the cold and snow in January. Looking forward to hopefully a nicer February.

The presentation on researching in the Netherlands was very interesting. I don't have any relatives from that country but it is interesting to hear what the customs and what research records are available.

I wasn't able to attend Megan's presentation for Genealogy Plus but I am sure she shared lots of very good information on researching at the library.

I was asked a couple weeks ago what I knew about my great great grandmother on my maternal side. I thought about it and found I didn't know very much about her. I know she came from Norway, got married, settled in Polk County, had 5 girls (of which only 2 lived to adulthood). I did a little research and found her family in Norway. It seems she was the only one in that family who came to the U.S.

Tom had a great great grandfather who immigrated from Luxembourg by himself. He married a lady from Luxembourg in Chicago and they eventually ended up near Zearing. It seems he was the only one in his family to come to the U.S., his family never even knew if he made it or not until many years later.

My maternal grandfather immigrated from Norway also but he came to the U.S. with 2 brothers and a sister. One ended up in Toledo, Ohio and the rest settled in Story County, Iowa.

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Story County Genealogical Society Meeting Minutes January 8, 2024

Via Zoom @ Communications

Lin Cornelius Strong gave a presentation on researching in the Netherlands. She has taught genealogy courses throughout the Midwest.

President Nancy Long called the business meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Treasurer Pete Peterson reported on December income and expenses. Nancy asked for volunteers and received none so will select one or two people to do a financial review of the 2023 records.

In February Librarian Malvina Lutz will send a list of six newly published genealogy books for the Ames Public Library to consider; the library would pay half the cost.

Mary Lohr, Web Manager, said PayPal works on storygenes.com but is not currently working on storygenes.org. She will try to find a solution.

Online Library Resources for Genealogy Research is the topic for Genealogy+ on January 17. The session will be online. Participants may attend at the Ames Public Library. It will not be recorded.

Nancy said Dick Cooper would like members to write articles for the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.
Lynette Spicer, Secretary

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My paternal great great grandfather came to the U.S. from Switzerland alone and settled in Holmes County, Ohio. He married and raised his children there and they started migrating west and ended up in Polk County, Iowa.

I don't know why some of them came to the U.S., but I am sure their stories are interesting. I need to be writing what I know about their stories for future generations.

Nancy

ames PUBLIC LIBRARY

IMPORTANT

The Ames Public Library is asking for our assistance in an online survey that they are conducting for the benefit of you and your community. Please go to the link:

https://www.amespubliclibrary.org/survey

NOTE: My computer will allow me to press the Ctrl button then place the cursor over the link. Other computers will allow you to copy the link and place it in an empty website address box at the top of the page. Then you just press the Enter button.

The beginning of the survey is shown below.

Every 3-5 years the Library reflects on its mission and services and works with the board, staff, and community to map out priorities and goals for the next several years—our Strategic Plan.

I would be grateful if you would share your thoughts about the library by completing the Strategic Plan survey at the following address.

https://www.amespubliclibrary.org/survey

Upcoming Events At SCGS

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6:30 pm

Ames Public Library, 515 Douglas Ave, Ames, IA

Dust Bowl

Professor Riney-Kehrberg will discuss the Dust Bowl of the 1930s and its effects on families and communities. Although the Dust Bowl was a phenomenon that affected the Great Plains, drought also extended into Midwestern states such as Iowa during much of the decade.

Presenter: Professor Riney-Kehrberg (ISU)

Pamela Riney-Kehrberg is Distinguished Professor of History at Iowa State University, and a Fellow of the Agricultural History Society. She is the author or editor of seven books, including *Rooted in Dust: Surviving Drought and Depression in Southwestern Kansas* and *Childhood on the Farm: Work, Play and Coming of Age in the Midwest*. Her new book is *When a Dream Dies: Agriculture, Iowa*, and the Farm Crisis of the 1980s.

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10:00 am – Whenever

Using FamilySearch.org for Research

The FamilySearch.org is a fantastic genealogical website and it is freely available without charge.
Learn how to use the tools available for effective research.

Presenters: Jim and Annette Anderegg

Genealogy and Computer Help Session

Get some help and advice on your genealogy research. Email or call someone at SCGS to arrange a meeting time and place. No appointment necessary.

SET THE DATE! 2024 LECTURE SERIES AT THE AMES HISTORY MUSEUM

The 2024 Lecture Series schedule is shown below. It is presented in partnership with the Ames Public Library. All lectures begin at 7:00 pm.

- **March 27** - Iowa's Ethnic Heritage
- **April 23** - Celebrating 100 Years: Roosevelt School to Roosevelt Condos
- **May 22** - From Physical Culture to Dept. of Physical Education at Iowa State

Zoom registration is required. You can go to https://ameshistory.org and register for the appropriate lecture or call 515-232-2148 or go to the Contact Us page to send them a message via email.

Lecture Series:
Tuesday, February 27, 2024 7:00 pm
History of the Earliest Churches in Ames

Attend in person:
Ames Public Library
515 Douglas Ave.
Attend online: Register for Zoom link
Free and open to the public

The early history of church congregations in Ames is rich and varied and indicates a strong need for spiritual fulfillment and community on the part of pioneer settlers. Even though those congregations subscribed to different religious philosophies, there were many common challenges and triumphs as churches grew and expanded. This talk by Kathy Svec covers 10 churches that were established between the early 1850s and 1916, some of which still exist today.

Presented in partnership by Ames History Museum and Ames Public Library.

HAPPY LEAP YEAR

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

February 2024 – American Heart Month
February 1 – National Freedom Day
February 1 – First Day of Black History Month
February 1 - Birthday
February 2 – Groundhog Day
February 2 – National Wear Red Day
February 3 – National Women Physician Day
February 4 – Mail Carrier Day
February 4 – Rosa Parks Day
February 4 – 66th GRAMMY Awards
February 5 – National Weatherperson's Day
February 7 – Nat'l Girls and Women in Sports Day
February 10 – Lunar New Year
February 11 – National Inventors' Day
February 11 – Super Bowl
February 12 – Lincoln's Birthday
February 12 – Georgia Day
February 13 – Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras
February 14 – Valentine's Day
February 14 – Statehood Day (AR)
February 15 – Susan B Anthony's Birthday
February 16 – Elizabeth Peratrovich Day (AK)
February 19 – Presidents' Day
February 19 – Daisy Gatson Bates Day (AR)
February 25 – African-American Scientist & Inventor Day (VA)
February 25 – George Rogers Clark Day (IN)
February 28 – Linus Pauling Day (OR)

There are many other religious and regional holidays to celebrate in August. For worldwide holidays and observances: https://www.Timeanddate.com/holidays/ .

Some of the observances are provided on the US Census website: Stats for Stories (census.gov).

Drag Pulling Team Sayings

Your fences need to be horse-high, pig tight and bull-strong.

Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.

Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.

Family Reunion Follow-Up

Fidella Marty (SCGS member) gave a very interesting program to SCGS members in October 2022. It was about planning and executing a family reunion. Now that 2023 is over, Fidella has the following questions for everyone:

1. Did you attend a Family Reunion in 2023?
2. Did you plan a Family Reunion in 2023?
3. Are you planning a Family Reunion?
4. Do you need help in planning a Reunion?

If you are planning a family reunion in 2024, she would like to hear from you. Please send an email to info@storygenes.com for more information.

Editor's Column

I am in complete agreement with Nancy, it is nice to see the sun shining and the show melting. Hope it stays this nice until spring (but I doubt it since this is Iowa).

Do not forget your Valentine this year. It is very important. You do not appreciate your Valentine until he/she is gone.

As you may have seen in other locations in this newsletter, the Ames Public Library is asking for the input from Story County Genealogical Society. They have been very helpful to us and I think that we should respond to their survey; it's for our own good as well as the community. The link to the survey is shown below.

https://www.amespubliclibrary.org/survey

I really appreciate the articles and other communication given to this newsletter. It really makes creating the newsletter much easier. Thank you.

Dick

Quote That May Be True – Or Not

There is a fine line between a packrat and a serious family Historian.

IMPORTANT

The Ames Public Library is asking for our assistance in an online survey that they are conducting for the benefit of you and your community. Please go to the link:

https://www.amespubliclibrary.org/survey

NOTE: My computer will allow me to press the Ctrl button then place the cursor over the link. Other computers will allow you to copy the link and place it in an empty website address box at the top of the page. Then you just press the Enter button.

The introduction to the survey is shown below.

Every 3-5 years the Library reflects on its mission and services and works with the board, staff, and community to map out priorities and goals for the next several years—our Strategic Plan.

I would be grateful if you would share your thoughts about the library by completing the Strategic Plan survey at the following address.

https://www.amespubliclibrary.org/survey

Notes from the SCGS Web Manager

by Mary J. Lohr

Previous issues of our newsletter, SCGS News, are available on the Storygenes.com website (from January 2017) and also via the Internet Archive (archive.org) from 2010 through 2023. The years from 2010-2012 are missing some issues, but thanks to Nancy Ladewig a number of those issues have been supplied and added to the collection.

An astute SCGS member brought this to my attention: if you use our backup website at storygenes.org (notice the suffix is .org rather than .com) the PayPal option for joining or renewing was not working correctly. The payment option has now been changed to PayPal.me, a streamlined alternative. It still uses PayPal, but the interface is a bit different. There is also a QR code if you want to use that. And the tried-and-true method of mailing a check payable to the Story County Genealogical Society is also available.

If you are using the main website (storygenes.com) and cannot remember your login or password, you can reset either or both by clicking question mark icon on the login screen and following the directions. If you have questions, email webmanager@storygenes.com and I can assist you.

And add this to the category of "Learning More All the Time" (about Zoom): If you want to join an SCGS meeting via your phone you can do so by:

1. Installing the Zoom app on your cell phone. It's available via the Google Play Store (Android) or the Apple Store (iOS). Then dial any one of these numbers: 305-224-1968; 253-205-0468; 689-278-1000; 719-359-4580. Once connected, add the meeting ID (Usually the last 11 digits of the Zoom meeting link). Then press # since a password is not required. *Caution: the video portion may use a lot of your cell data.* If available, connecting via Wi-Fi may help. Alternatively, use "One Tap Mobile."

2. One Tap Mobile: *this if for joining the meeting using only the audio connection.*
Dial 301-715-8592 or 305-224-1968. When prompted, enter the meeting number followed by the # key.

If you would like to do a test on using either of these phone connections, email webmanager@storygenes.com to schedule a time.

Handout from Megan Klein-Hewett's Presentation in January

- Ancestry Library Edition
  - Available in-library only. Must be on library's network to access.
  - Provides access to the same resources as the personal subscription.
    - Does not provide access to tools related to the family tree function or any ability to save to your Ancestry profile.
- Heritage Quest Online
  - Available outside the library with library card number and PIN/password.
  - Provides fewer resources than Ancestry Library Edition.
- Family search Affiliate Library
  - APL is a Family Search Affiliate Library.
    - Must be on the library's network to access locked files.
  - Join us for Genealogy Plus next month, February 21, to learn more about Family Search!
- Ames Tribune Digital Archive
  - Access the Ames Tribune Digital Archive anywhere.
  - Contains digitized microfilm from Ames newspapers, 1892-2020.

Genealogy Plus: Online Library Resources for Genealogy Research
January 17, 2024

NOTE: These are not the only resources at the Ames Public Library, only the Online Resources.

DUTCH ONLINE RECORDS:

Lin.Strong269@gmail.com
(email - January 8th online presenter)

- Dutchgenealogy.nl
- WieWasWie.nl (free)
- Topotigdreis.nl (free)
- FamilySearch.com * make sure you register for more records - free
- Ancestry.com $ monthly/yearly fees
- alleGroningers.nl Free
- GeldersArchief.nl
- Noord-hollandsArchief.nl
- Archieven.nl
- https://www.genealogieonline.nl - many Dutch family trees
- https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main_Page (Research Wiki)
- Graftombe.nl – Searchable grave database.

VOCABULARY

Geboorten – births
Huwelijken – marriages, must be performed by the magistrate.
Comments may include valuable data – divorce included
Huwelijksbilagen – marriage supplements – info. on parents, etc.
Overlijden – deaths
Tienjarige Tafels – ten-year census, may give birth & death dates
Emigratie – emigration records

Diseases, Symptoms & "Cures" in Iowa - SCGS Word Search #50

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Words may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal and may be backward
Answers at Word Search Answers on the Story County Genealogical Society website

Ague	**Casteroil**	**Germs**	**Mosquitos**	**Smallpox**
Bacteria	**Chills**	**Greatflu**	**Nausea**	**Spasms**
Badair	**Cholera**	**Herbs**	**Polio**	**Tonics**
Bark	**Diptheria**	**Lancets**	**Prairieitch**	**Tuberculosis**
Bleeding	**Epidemic**	**Malaria**	**Quinine**	**Typhoid**
Calomel	**Fever**	**Magmas**	**Roots**	**Whiteplague**

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STORY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Send dues and donations to P.O. Box 692, Ames, Iowa 50010
OR
Pay the Treasurer at a SCGS meeting
OR
Credit Cards are accepted also (www.storygenes.com)
Membership - Individual $20 ___ or Family (2) $25 ___
OR
Donations (Voluntary)
Make checks payable to Story County Genealogical Society

Membership Application

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____Birthday: ____/____/_____

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President's Message

February was another interesting and educational month for Story County Genealogical Society. Learned lots about the Dust Bowl from Pamela Riney-Kehrberg and Jim and Annette Anderegg showed us some more tips and tricks on ever changing and additions to Family Search.

Now we are looking for ideas for the upcoming year and we need your help. We don't know what you are interested in or looking for if you don't let us know, so here is your chance. So far we have gotten suggestions for: Research tips for - Switzerland, England, Luxembourg, Japan, development of Iowa, Bureau of Land Management Records, Iowa Civil War, info on the Libraries in Kansas City and St. Louis, WPA, Amish research, field trip to Ames History Museum when it reopens. Hope these suggestions will help you get started on your list. Look forward to all suggestions.

When you get your ideas together or any time an idea pops in your head - feel free to email it to info@storygenes.com.

Nancy

Old Hillbilly Wisdom

A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.

Words that soak into your ears are whispered, not yelled.

The best sermons are lived, not preached.

Story County Genealogical Society

Monday March 11, 2024
6:30 PM
Ames Public Library and Members via Zoom
Allied with the Allies = Canada, UK, Australian, and WWI Records
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Genealogy Plus

Wednesday March 20, 2024
10:00 AM - Noon
Ames Public Library and Members via Zoom
Free and Useful Sites for Genealogy Research
See Page 3

Genealogy & Computer Help Session

Email or talk to SCGS member if you need assistance with your genealogy or computer

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Story County Genealogical Society Meeting Minutes February 12, 2024

In Person at Ames Public Library and via Zoom

Professor Pamela Riney-Kehrberg gave a very interesting presentation on the Dust Bowl of the 1930s and its effects on families and communities in the Great Plains and Midwest (mostly Kansas). Riney-Kehrberg is a Distinguished Professor of History at Iowa State University, a Fellow of the Agricultural History Society, and the author or editor of seven books. A listing of her books can be found in the February SCGS newsletter.

11 people attended online and 15 in person.

President Nancy Long called the business meeting to order at 7:57 p.m.

January meeting minutes (published in the SCGS newsletter) were approved. Treasurer Pete Peterson gave a report on income and expenses. The report was approved and will be submitted for audit.

As Vice President for Membership, Malvina Lutz reported the society currently has 77 members. Pete has told her several more membership dues have come in.

Nancy said board members need programming ideas for next year. Suggestions included research on ancestors from Switzerland, accessing records in the national archives, Jeff Bremer's book *A New History of Iowa*, and Iowa's role in the Civil War. Other ideas listed from the meeting are shown in the President's Column on page 1 of the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.
Lynette Spicer, Secretary

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

SCGS meetings are closed (except Zoom if applicable) if the Ames Schools are closed or delayed due to weather. This is a safety factor for everyone concerned. March may or may not have snow so everyone be careful.

Programming Ideas

One of the highlights of SCSG meetings are the speakers and programs we present as part of our educational mission. Now the planning for the 2024-2025 "genealogy" year has started-- and we'd like your input.

We schedule programs for the Monday evening meeting and the Wednesday Genealogy Plus daytime (AM) series.

1. What types of presentations or topics would you like to have?
2. Is there a country you're researching in that you would like to learn more about?
3. Are there research techniques you want to learn?
4. What areas are of interest to you:
    1) Social media?
    2) Scanning photographs?
    3) Particular software packages?
5. Is there a topic of general interest?
    1) Best websites?
6. How to use a particular website effectively?
7. Budgeting for genealogy research?
8. Case studies?
9. Lifelong learning?
10. Is there a particular speaker you would recommend we try to schedule?

Please note: suggesting a program or speaker does not bind you to presenting the program or speaker (although if you want to volunteer, that would be wonderful!)

Ideas and comments can be sent to info@storygenes.com or webmanger@storygenes.com

NOTE: Additional ideas are mentioned in the SCGS Minutes and President's Message also published in this newsletter.

Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday March 11, 2024
In-Person Meeting at Library and also Zoom
Zoom meeting link to be sent to members
6:30 pm

Allied with the Allies = Canada, UK, Australian, and WWI Records

Presenter: Debra Dudek

Examine the abundant resources, service files, and information for service men and women who served in Canadian, UK, Australian, and French forces during World War I. The lecture will also examine Red Cross records and resources in the US and abroad.

This presentation will be virtual. You may watch via Zoom or at the Ames Public Library.

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday March 20, 2024
10:00 am – Whenever

Learn about some websites that can enhance your genealogy research... without breaking your budget!

Presenter: Dick Cooper

Genealogy and Computer Help Session

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Lecture Series:
Tuesday, March 27, 2024 7:00 pm
"Iowa's Ethnic Heritage, or Who Do You Think We Are?"

Attend in person:
Ames Public Library
515 Douglas Ave.
Free and open to the public

Enjoy the unfolding and changing adventure of Iowa's immigration history. Beginning with the Ioway, one of 17 distinctive indigenous tribal groups, speaker John Liepa will trace chronologically who we are as Iowans. From Spanish explorers and French trappers, traders and priests; to the dominant English, Germans and Irish; to Scandinavians, Dutch and Czechs, we'll explore why these group chose to leave their homelands and how they eventually ended up in Iowa. African Americans, Eastern Europeans and Hispanics have different stories to share along with other "newer" Iowans. This course is personal and interactive and we'll work together to discover who we are and who we are becoming as Iowans.

Presented in partnership by Ames History Museum and Ames Public Library.

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

March 10 – 96th Oscars/Academy Awards
March 10-16 – Sunshine Week & Freedom of Information Day
March 1 – Employee Appreciation Day
March – Frozen Food Month
March – Red Cross Month
March 1 – Read Across America Day
March 1 – First Day of Women's History Month
March 1 – First Day of Irish American Heritage Mo.
March 2 – Texas Independence Day (TX)
March 4 – Casimir Pulaski Day (WI)
March 5 – Town Meeting Day (VT)
March 10 – Daylight Saving Time Starts
March 15 – Ides of March
March 17 – St. Patrick's Day
March 17-18 – Evacuation Day (MASS)
March 20 – March Equinox
March 25 – Maryland Day (MD)
March 25 – Seward's Day (AK)
March 26 – Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaole Day
March 29 – State Holiday (GA)
March 29 – National Vietnam War Veterans Day
March 30 – Doctors' Day
March 30 – Vietnam Veterans Day
March 31 – Cesar Chavez Day

There are many other religious and regional holidays to celebrate in August. For worldwide holidays and observances: https://www.Timeanddate.com/holidays/ .

Some of the observances are provided on the US Census website: Stats for Stories (census.gov).

March in Iowa

As most everyone knows, March in Iowa can be a terrible month as far as snow and cold weather (even though the dumb ground hog says we should have an early Spring). If you have started to plan a reunion, Fidella Marty would like to hear from you if you have any ideas or questions. She can be contacted at info@storygenes.com.

She would like to know:

1. Did you attend a Family Reunion in 2023?
2. Did you plan a Family Reunion in 2023?
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Vietnam War Veterans

March 30, 2024 is the celebration of Vietnam Veterans Day.

The Vietnam War pitted communist North Vietnam and the Viet Cong against South Vietnam and the United States. The war ended when U.S. forces withdrew in 1973 and Vietnam unified under Communist control two years later.

The war started in the early 1960s and was ended in the 1970s. It was ended because many of the United States citizens were opposed to the US participation in the war. Consequently, many of the Vietnam veterans were not welcomed when they returned to the United States.

Many things have changed. Now there is a Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. and there are also many Vietnam Veterans organizations that give items to the veterans.

St. Patrick's Day

Although the holiday originally started as a Christian feast day celebrating the life of St. Patrick and the spreading of Christianity to Ireland, today, it is a day of revelry and a celebration of all things Irish. Don't forget to wear green! Everyone is Irish today!

St. Patrick's Day is officially observed on March 17 each year, though celebrations may not be limited to this date. The significance of March 17 is that it's said to be the date of St. Patrick's death in the late 5th century (circa A.D. 493).

Beware The Ides of March

Indeed, "beware the Ides of March" is a **pithy** and memorable line. It originates from William Shakespeare's play *Julius Caesar*. In Act 1, Scene 2, a soothsayer warns Julius Caesar about the impending danger on the **Ides of March**, which refers to March 15th in the Roman calendar. The phrase has become synonymous with cautioning against unforeseen perils or treacherous events. Some people even consider this the day when Julius Caesar was killed by the Roman Senate.

Who Was Eliza Brandt?

By Mary J. Lohr

Patience and persistence are two traits that can serve a genealogy researcher well. This was recently reinforced for me upon discovering a piece of paper with some research notes from the early 1970s. At that time, I was searching the 1870 U.S. census for Clayton County, Iowa, and discovered the household of my great-great grandparents, Louis and Johanna Neipp. Included in the listing were their children: Caroline (11), Louis (9), Amelia (7), John A. (5), David (3), and William (1).

In addition, a woman named Eliza Brandt (71), an invalid, was also living with them. This was a name I did not recognize. Could she be Johanna's mother, or possibly another relative?

Despite my research, I was not able to definitely identify Eliza. Through the years I learned she was not Johanna's mother, nor could I confirm any relationship of her to the Neipp family.

With that number of small children in the household, it did not seem entirely unreasonable if she was living with them to provide some sort of assistance. But she was not listed as a servant, only as an invalid.

Fast forward 50 years and I was still no closer to finding anything about the mysterious Eliza Brandt. But then inspiration struck and I posted a request to a family Facebook Group I created some time ago. Within a day I had my answer from a cousin who had researched this line!

Eliza Brandt was born Anna Elizabeth (Rahenkamp) in April 1797 in Gramberger, Osnabrück, Germany. She married Johann Heinrich "Henry" Brand in Germany. (The Brand name was later changed to Brandt.) They had two daughters, Maria Elizabeth and Maria Engel.

Eliza was living with the Neipp family in 1870 and her husband Henry Brandt was living with a daughter. In the 1880 census they are both living with their daughter Maria Elizabeth and her husband William Meyer. Eliza died in 1884 and Henry in 1893. They are buried in the Guttenberg Cemetery, Guttenberg, Iowa.

No known relationship has been found between the Neipp and Brandt families.

But thanks to my cousin, I now have a better idea who Anna Elizabeth Brandt was!

In addition to patience and persistence, I'll add the plus factor of collaborating with a cousin who has excellent research skills!

Evidence You Existed, Your Memories, or Just Stuff

By Marti Steelman

Before you read this article, I want you to stop where you are and look around. What do you see? Do you see memories of trips you have taken? Memories of a parent or grandparent? Do the same in each room. What will your children see? You have an attachment to the items but do your children? Benjamin Franklin said (and I paraphrase) nothing is certain but death and taxes. I would add one more certainty – someone will need to dispose of your possessions.

Do you expect your adult children to clean out your home someday? Where do they live? Nearby or out-of-state/country (what is the travel time for them to come home)? Do they work? Do they have time to come help you clean out? Consider what your children will do with your stuff?

Cleaning out a house when someone moves or passes away is an emotional experience. However, I encourage everyone to clean out your home while you are able to make the decisions on who should receive a specific item, throw something out or donate it. This process can be painless. Ask yourself are you historically important such that your home will become a museum? Do you have letters of historical importance? Do you have photographs of historical importance?

On photographs have you written on the back who the people are in the photograph and your relationship to them? When and where was the photo taken? Do your children recognize the people in the photograph? If not, record the information now because your children may just toss them.

I started this process and am working at my own pace. I told my children what I'm doing and to claim what they want now otherwise it may be gone. I visited to a consignment shop and walked around to see what items they took and asked what things sell (or not). I asked at donation centers what items they do not accept. I also verified with my garbage collector what I could and could not put in the trash. If you are donating, wash all items – do not leave it up to someone else because it won't get done.

Today I may clean out a drawer. Another day it may be a closet. Yet another day may be a place in the basement. While I'm cleaning out, I dust and wash the drawers, the shelves, etc. I found myself asking 'When was the last time I used or wore an item'. Is clothing still stylish? Did I wait too long to donate a collectible (think Beanie Babies, Longaberger Baskets, etc.) that no one wants anymore? Are the children's books now on a banned book list? In the basement I left the closet doors open so I visually see that the space is empty now. I set aside a day to run errands and at the same time I drop off donations. So, I don't get burned out I take a break (like the month of December). Each item leaving my house has lightened my load. It feels good!

Some items are easy to dispose of while others evoke an emotion. Sometimes I cry other times I smile (or laugh wondering why I kept something). I enjoy reading the back of childhood school photos from classmates, but my children don't know these people. I find that I am grateful for not having so many things to dust or vacuum around anymore. I live here and look at all that has accumulated (and I thought I was a minimalist!). I chose to clean out as my own pace. I cannot imagine my children coming back to clean out in just a week. I decided it is not fair to them and I don't want their last memory of me to be cleaning out what I did not want to do myself. I have even left my children notes so they know what leased equipment gets returned and where to drop it off.

Unfinished projects – we all have them. Did you start a quilt? Did you start to refinish a piece of furniture? Why didn't you finish the project? Do you really think you will finish it now? How long have they been unfinished projects? Be honest do you really believe you will finish these projects? Outsource it to someone who will finish it for you. It's worth the cost to get it done. Or just get rid of them—you'll be glad you did.

Continued on page 8 (**Stuff**)

The Apron History

From Facebook

"The History of 'APRONS'

I don't think most kids today know what an apron is. The principle, use of Mom's or Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath because she only had a few. It was also because it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and aprons used less material. But along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids… And when the weather was cold, she wrapped it around her arms. Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove.

Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron. From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls. In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees. When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, she walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men folk knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.

Send this to those who would know (and love) the story about aprons. REMEMBER: Mom's and Grandma's used to set hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw. They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron. I don't think I ever caught anything from an apron - but love"

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Went to the bathroom without my phone…

Just like my ancestors used to do.

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If you must, it is OK to guilt your children into helping by reminding them they can do it now with you or later without you – their choice. Every once in a while, ask if each can spend an hour helping clean out one area or help haul something away. Just don't push your luck after all they also have lives and families.

For the record, yes, my children have thanked me for not leaving the cleaning out to them.

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Editor's Column

As of the latest membership report, SCGS is gaining membership. At least part of the reason for this is the visibility of Story County Genealogical Society and another part is the quality of speakers that give presentations. Zoom has enabled SCGS to expand our range of speakers as well.

I have to apologize to Marti Steelman for not publishing her article entitled: "*Evidence You Existed, Your Memories, or Just Stuff"* when she sent it to me. We need more articles like this.

The Ames Public Library has an IDEA Center. On May 15th SCGS members will receive a tour of the IDEA Center, thanks to the APL. Sounds very interesting. Find out what the IDEA Center is by going to www.AmesPL.org/IDEAcenter.

Dick

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time starts on March 10, 2024, at 2:00 am local time in the United States.

Key takeaways

- Daylight Saving Time will start on March 10, 2024, at 2:00 am local time in the United States[1].
- Clocks will be turned forward one hour to 3:00 am local daylight time instead.
- Sunrise and sunset will be about one hour later on March 10, 2024, than the day before.

Benjamin Franklin, the Father of DST?

Many sources also credit Benjamin Franklin for being the first to suggest seasonal time change. However, the idea voiced by the American inventor and politician in 1784 can hardly be described as fundamental for the development of modern DST. After all, it did not even involve turning the clocks. In a letter to the editor of the Journal of Paris, entitled "An Economical Project for Diminishing the Cost of Light," Franklin simply suggested that Parisians could economize candle usage by getting people out of bed earlier in the morning. What's more: Franklin meant it as a joke.

An Ancient Idea

Although modern DST has only been used for about 100 years, ancient civilizations are known to have engaged in comparable practices thousands of years ago. For example, the Roman water clocks used different scales for different months of the year to adjust the daily schedules to the solar time.

Daylight Saving Today

Daylight Saving Time is now used in over 70 countries worldwide and affects over one billion people every year. The beginning and end dates vary from one country to another.

Information taken from :
https://www.Timeanddate.com/holidays/ web page and https://news.yahoo.com.

Story County Cemeteries Word Search #51

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Answers at Word Search Answers on the Story County Genealogical Society website

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Bergen	Cambridge	Evergreen	Knoll	OakGrove
Bethany	Center	Fairview	Lincoln	OakHill
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President's Message

Debra Dudek was very knowledgeable and excited about sharing with us. I don't have ancestors from Canada, France, Australia or Italy but interesting to know what records are available.

My paternal Great Grandfather came from U.K. so will keep that info handy. Didn't know that the Red Cross kept such good records. The handout is a good one to keep as a resource of sites available.

Our own newsletter editor - Dick Cooper - told us lots and lots about many websites at Genealogy Plus. I was able to sit and listen and jot down several options where I might find new information on several pieces of the puzzle I have to fill.

We have April and May left for our programing and they are going to be great. Remember the handouts are on the website for your use.

Nancy

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday April 8, 2024
6:30 PM
Ames Public Library and Members via Zoom
"Digital Genealogy: Bring Your Family History into the Digital Age"
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Genealogy Plus
Wednesday April 17, 2024
10:00 AM - Noon
Ames Public Library and Members via Zoom
Using Cemetery Records for Genealogy Research
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Genealogy & Computer Help Session
Wednesday April 24, 2024
10:00 AM - Noon
Ames Public Library

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Story County Genealogical Society (SCGS) March 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes Ames Public Library and by Zoom Video Communications

Debra M. Dudek from Lockport, Illinois gave a presentation on *Allied with the Allies*. She is the author of World War I Genealogy Research Guide: Tracing American Military and Non-Combatant Ancestors.

Twelve people attended online and eight in person.

President Nancy Long called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

The meeting minutes for February were reported as printed in the SCGS newsletter. Treasurer Pete Peterson sent a report prior to the meeting. Jim Anderegg completed the 2023 financial review February 13, 2024. Financial records were approved.

Librarian Malvina Lutz recommended six genealogy research books to the Ames Public Library (APL). She has not heard back from them but expects to hear if the library ordered them by May. As Vice President for Membership, Malvina reported the society currently has 75 members.

Nancy said she had not had additional suggestions for programs from members.

Newsletter Editor Dick Cooper said he can always use articles for the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Lynette Spicer, Secretary

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

SCGS meetings are closed (except Zoom if applicable) if the Ames Schools are closed or delayed due to weather. This is a safety factor for everyone concerned. April may or may not have snow so everyone be careful.

Programming Ideas

One of the highlights of SCSG meetings are the speakers and programs we present as part of our educational mission. Now the planning for the 2024-2025 "genealogy" year has started-- and we'd like your input.

We schedule programs for the Monday evening meeting and the Wednesday Genealogy Plus daytime (AM) series.

1. What types of presentations or topics would you like to have?

2. Is there a country you're researching in that you would like to learn more about?

3. Are there research techniques you want to learn?

4. What areas are of interest to you:
    1) Social media?
    2) Scanning photographs?
    3) Particular software packages?

5. Is there a topic of general interest?
    1) Best websites?

6. How to use a particular website effectively?

7. Budgeting for genealogy research?

8. Case studies?

9. Lifelong learning?

10. Is there a particular speaker you would recommend we try to schedule?

Please note: suggesting a program or speaker does NOT bind you to presenting the program or speaker (although if you want to volunteer, that would be wonderful!)

Ideas and comments can be sent to info@storygenes.com or webmanger@storygenes.com

NOTE: Additional ideas may be mentioned elsewhere in this SCGS newsletter.

Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday April 8, 2024
In-Person Meeting at Library and also Zoom
Zoom meeting link to be sent to members
6:30 pm

"Digital Genealogy: Bring Your Family History into the Digital Age"

Presenter: Kyle Solberg (SCGS member)

Kyle Solberg will present tips for organization and workflows for genealogy in the digital age.

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday April 17, 2024
In-Person Meeting at Library and also Zoom
10:00 am – Whenever

Using Cemetery Records for Genealogy Research

Presenter: Dennis Allen

Dennis and Cris Nagla are the managers of several cemeteries in Polk County, Iowa. They will discuss what genealogy clues can be found in cemetery and funeral home records.

Genealogy and Computer Help Session
Wednesday April 24, 2024
Ames Public Library
10:00 am to noon

Bring you genealogy questions, computer program questions and challenges and together we'll try to help you find a solution.
We'll be in the APL Rotary Room on the second floor.
No appointment necessary – just show up.

Remember: in genealoy there are no dumb questions, only ancestors who have not (yet) been found!

SET THE DATE! 2024 LECTURE SERIES AT THE AMES HISTORY MUSEUM

The 2024 AHM Lecture Series schedule is shown below. It is presented in partnership with the Ames Public Library. All lectures begin at 7:00 pm and are Free and open to the public. **The April 23rd Lecture series is open to the public or you can register for the Zoom link at** Lecture Series: Celebrating 100 Years - Roosevelt School to Roosevelt Condos | Ames History Museum.

- **April 23** - Celebrating 100 Years: Roosevelt School to Roosevelt Condos
- **May 22** - From Physical Culture to Dept. of Physical Education at Iowa State

You can go to https://ameshistory.org and register for the appropriate lecture or call 515-232-2148 or go to the Contact Us page to send them a message via email.

Lecture Series:
Tuesday April 23, 2024 7:00 pm
Celebrating 100 Years: Roosevelt School to Roosevelt Condos

Attend in person:
Ames Public Library
515 Douglas Ave.
Free and open to the public

Since opening in 1924, Roosevelt School has undergone numerous changes in its 100 years. This program by Sharon Wirth and Luke Jensen covers its history and architecture, the impact and influence it has had on the Ames community and its latest chapter: the transformation into residential condominiums. In addition to narratives and pictures, the video, "From Classrooms to Condos" produced by Teresa Larson for the Museum will be shown. Audience members who attended Roosevelt School will be encouraged to share memories.

Presented in partnership by Ames History Museum and Ames Public Library.

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

April 4 – 75th Anniversary of NATO
April 2024 – Arab American Heritage Month
April 2024 – Community College Month
April 1 – Cesar Chavez Day (CA)
April 2 – Pascua Florida Day (FL)
April 6 – National Tartan Day
April 9 – National Library Workers' Day
April 13 – Thomas Jefferson's Birthday
April 15 – Tax Day
April 15 – Father Damien Day (HI)
April 15 – Patriots' Day (ME, MA)
April 15 – Boston Marathon
April 16 – Emancipation Day (DC)
April 19 – Arbor Day (CO)
April 21 – San Jacinto Day (TX)
April 22 – Oklahoma Day (OK)
April 22 – Confederate Memorial Day (AL)
April 24 – Administrative Professionals Day
April 25 – Take our Daughters & Sons to Work Day
April 26 – Arbor Day (NE)
April 26 – Arbor Day (DE)
April 26 – Confederate Memorial Day (FL)
April 26 – State Holiday (GA)
April 29 – Arbor Day (WY)
April 29 - Confederate Memorial Day (MS)

There are many other religious and regional holidays to celebrate. For worldwide holidays and observances: https://www.Timeanddate.com/holidays/ .

Some of the observances are provided on the US Census website: Stats for Stories (census.gov).

April in Iowa

As most everyone knows, April in Iowa can be a terrible month as far as snow and cold weather (even though the dumb ground hog said we should have an early Spring). If you have started to plan a reunion, Fidella Marty would like to hear from you if you have any ideas or questions. She can be contacted at info@storygenes.com.

She would like to know:

1. Did you attend a Family Reunion in 2023?
2. Did you plan a Family Reunion in 2023?
3. Are you planning a Family Reunion?
4. Do you need help in planning a Reunion?

Visiting Cemeteries with Children

By Marti Steelman

It's mid-March and the weather is nice as I write this so I'm thinking about the upcoming summer when most genealogists will be heading outside to do research in cemeteries. If you have young children or grandchildren, have you considered the forms available on the Midwest Genealogy Center in Independence, Missouri website? https://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy/resources/family-history-forms and taking the children with you?

My granddaughter enjoys going with me to help clean the stones. I printed a generation chart and had her write in her name, those of her parents and grandparents (three generations). I showed her pictures and shared my memories of my grandparents (four generations) and told her these would be some of the stones we would be cleaning on that trip. In one cemetery she visited the graves of a great grandparent and four great great grandparents. On the trip home we stopped in another cemetery nearby where I showed her where more ancestor graves are located including one who is a Civil War veteran. We walked around the cemetery and I showed her the military medallions near some of the stones. Going on Memorial Day when the flags are displayed is quite impressive.

Her family tree has ancestors who were in Iowa before it was a state. Just wait until she is a bit older and learns she has ancestors who lived in the colonies and the currency was in British pounds. And yes, she has ancestors who fought in the American Revolution but those are stories for another time. As genealogists we must plant the seed then nurture the next generation of genealogists a bit at a time.

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NOTE: This is a good example of the April 25th date of taking your daughter (or granddaughter) to work, if you consider genealogy working. The whole idea of this April 25th date is to teach them what you do and this article gives a good example of that.

A Stroll Down Genealogy Memory Lane

by Mary J. Lohr

Genealogy has been a part of my life for a very long time, but, oh, how things have changed! In the early days, my research was limited to interviewing older relatives (I still have some of those notes!), visiting a few cemeteries in proximity, and a few pages in our family Bible. Later there were visits to the State Historical Society in Des Moines to view census records and a few newspapers on microfilm. I don't recall there was any practical way to make copies. It was slow and tedious work. And I did send for a few death records, when available. It was not uncommon to pay only two or three dollars for a certificate. And I did write letters to extended family members, and, while they welcomed the letter and interest, they usually know very little about the previous generations. Progress was slow, indeed.

But the advent of the Internet opened a new chapter for genealogists, albeit slowly in the first years. For some years I used a dial-up connection via our telephone line. Who can forget the sound of the modem making the connection! When I had access to a broadband connection, the process was greatly improved. (Not to mention making available our landline phone for actual telephone calls.)

I was thrilled to discover the magic of electronic bulletin boards where I could post queries and engage in online discussions. Some of the information gleaned was useful, indeed, and it extended the network for research collaboration.

WorldConnect, RootsWeb, and GenWeb were the hotspots and magnets for genealogists. I had not yet retired in those days and it was so tempting to research into the early hours and lose track of time. That morning alarm clock was not a welcome sound.

Facebook, Twitter, and other social media were making an appearance about the time I retired. And FamilySearch.org had started to put some of their records online. That was a welcome addition for research. But mostly I used the FamilySearch catalog to locate microfilms of German records. Then it was a process of requesting the films, waiting for them to arrive, and then viewing them at the Family History Center (as it was called in those days.) I am glad that there is a Center here in Ames.

Ancestry.com, MyHeritage.com and FindMyPast.com, along with Family Search have made so many records available that previous generations of researchers could barely imagine having immediate access to documents.

Of course, the changes continued. Facebook became a useful way to exchange information, contact distant cousins, form Groups and Pages, learn about new research tools, and a plethora of other helpful ideas. The most useful aspects for me have been sharing photos and stories with relatives in a couple of Facebook groups I have started.

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Somewhere along the line I started my own blog, to record and tell some of the ancestral stories. One posting was about the town my mother-in-law grew up in, Lily, South Dakota. Currently, the town has officially dissolved, and there are only four people living there. But to this day it remains one of the most popular posts with the highest number of readers. One of the many surprises of doing genealogy!

FamilySearch.org at some point made a massive effort to digitize all their microfilm holdings. Now, rather than ordering microfilm, most of their records are available via the Internet at either a FamilySearch Center or an affiliate library. There is a rumor you can sometimes find a genealogist deep in concentration pouring over records online at 2 AM. (Bunny slippers are optional!)

Another aspect of social media is that many instructional videos are available on YouTube. Many of the leading genealogy speakers have a YouTube channel and provide some free content.

Even though genealogical conferences have been held for many years, the format has changed somewhat. RootsTech, the "big one," provides a huge meeting in person, but many of the sessions and speakers are also streamed and available live or as a recording. Now it is no longer always necessary to travel to the conference site.

Story County Genealogical Society has changed, too. No longer do we meet only in person, but also host hybrid meetings and speakers. This reaches people who are not in the immediate geographic area and those who cannot physically attend the meeting. Zoom, which we began using during the Covid Pandemic, soon became an essential for SCGS, and now the Board meets monthly by Zoom, also.

ConferenceKeeper.org is a virtual calendar of genealogical events and provides links and information to a multitude of meetings, both in person and online, free and cost based. This type of schedule of "what's happening" would have been difficult to find in the earlier years.

And who can dispute the role DNA testing has played? With the introduction of autosomal DNA testing, many unknown relatives have been found and relationships confirmed. Of course, there have been a few surprises and unexpected results, too. The paper trail was sometimes challenged!

Do you remember trying to translate foreign language documents. Google Translate was an early tool to do a machine translation, but usually one had to either copy and paste or manually enter the text for the translation. But now Google Translate is available as a phone app and the mobile device can be held up to the document and an immediate translation made. Of course, it's not perfect but I think it is way ahead of whatever is in second place.

The "latest" is an experiment by FamilySearch and features the use of Artificial Intelligence and handwriting transcriptions. I think this is one of the biggest game changers in some time. This has the potential to provide full text searching on documents. And the handwriting transcription software was used to index the 1950 census in a matter of days, not months.

What does the future hold for genealogical research? Probably easier access to documents, full text searching and analysis, and much more!

It's truly an exciting time to be researching your ancestry!

Why Celebrate? Some of the Dates Above

Librarians across the United States celebrate National Library Workers Day (NLWD) on the Tuesday of National Library Week, held in April every year.

NLWD activities include schools and community organizations giving stars and other awards to honor library workers, lunches to celebrate librarians, and donations made to libraries.

Libraries give millions of Americans the knowledge and information they need to live, learn and work in the 21st century. First celebrated in 2004, National Library Workers' Day recognizes the unique contributions that library workers make to help people find the information they need for learning, working, as well as for recreational purposes.

Librarian and Tartan information from www.timeanddate website.

What is a Tartan?

National Tartan Day is a US observance on April 6 each year. It commemorates the Scottish Declaration of Independence, from which the American Declaration of Independence was modeled on. It also recognizes achievements of Americans of Scottish descent.

National Tartan Day parades occur in major cities such as New York on or around April 6. These parades often feature bag-pipe bands playing Scottish music and people dressed in kilts with tartan patterns that represent their Scottish clans. Events and awards on Tartan Day and in the days after are often organized by groups such as the American Scottish Foundation and the National Tartan Day New York Committee.

The Scottish Declaration of Independence was signed on April 6, 1320. The American Declaration of Independence was, in fact, modeled on this document. Almost half of the signers of the American Declaration of Independence were of Scottish descent.
The US Senate Resolution on National Tartan Day was passed on March 20, 1998. From that point onward, National Tartan Day was designated as a day for all Americans, particularly those of Scottish descent, on April 6 each year.

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The traditional resources withing the library include our 20,000 volumes and 15,000 microforms covering the United States as well as many other countries. These vital records, histories, federal and state census records, military records, and other information combined with our extensive family history collection provide you, the researcher, with an abundance of sources-many are one of a kind.

Our knowledgeable librarians and volunteers will help you get started. Later, call on their years of experience when you need help with those brick walls. This is help you won't readily find on the internet. Need assistance in a specific Iowa county? Call on our network of local county chapters. Unable to visit the library yourself? We offer research services for a very reasonable hourly rate. Let our experts do the work for you!

The library has available three microfilm readers, a microfiche reader, and six computers for use by patrons, as well as a copier and a microform reader-printer. High-speed internet access is also available for genealogical research use only. With our new I-Spot connection the price per copy on the copier, reader-printer, and from the computer printer is 25 cents.

You may access their new website at: https://iowagenealogy.org to find out about various events, happenings, and resources available at IGS.

Editor's Column

Page 4 of this newsletter contains an article from a SCGS member (*Visiting Cemeteries with Children*) that is very important and something that everyone should read. It is very important that the young people become involved in genealogy, and an easy way to do that is to get them involved in reading about their ancestors in cemeteries and looking at picture and other information form their family.

Maybe Marti can turn this into a series of articles showing how her granddaughter continues to be interested in genealogy.

Also of interest is Mary Lohr's article (*Stroll Down Genealogy Memory Lane*). She shows how far genealogy has come in the past years. She states "what does the future hold for genealogical research?" – that's a good question.

Well, the weather still hasn't settled down. As I am completing this newsletter it is raining. I guess it could be snowing and maybe it will soon.

As you will notice, on April 24th the Help Session will be held again. Let's see if we can get some more people that need help with their genealogy and/or computers this time.

Here is a "Fun Holiday" for April 29, 2024. It's called Zipper Day. The zipper is something that we all take for granted for holding up and together clothes. It was a Swedish-American invention in 1913 by engineer Gideon Sundback, who received a patent for the zipper.

Dick

What is Arbor Day

The origins of Arbor Day date back to the early 1870s in Nebraska City, Nebraska. A journalist by the name of Julius Sterling Morton moved to the state with his wife, Caroline, in 1854, a little more than 10 years before Nebraska gained its statehood in 1867. The couple purchased 160 acres in Nebraska City and planted a wide variety of trees and shrubs in what was a primarily a flat stretch of desolate plain.

Morton also became the editor of the state's first newspaper, *Nebraska City News*, which was a perfect platform for Morton to spread his knowledge of trees… and to stress their ecological importance to Nebraska. His message of tree life resonated with his readers, many of whom recognized the lack of forestation in their community. Morton also became involved with the Nebraska Board of Agriculture.

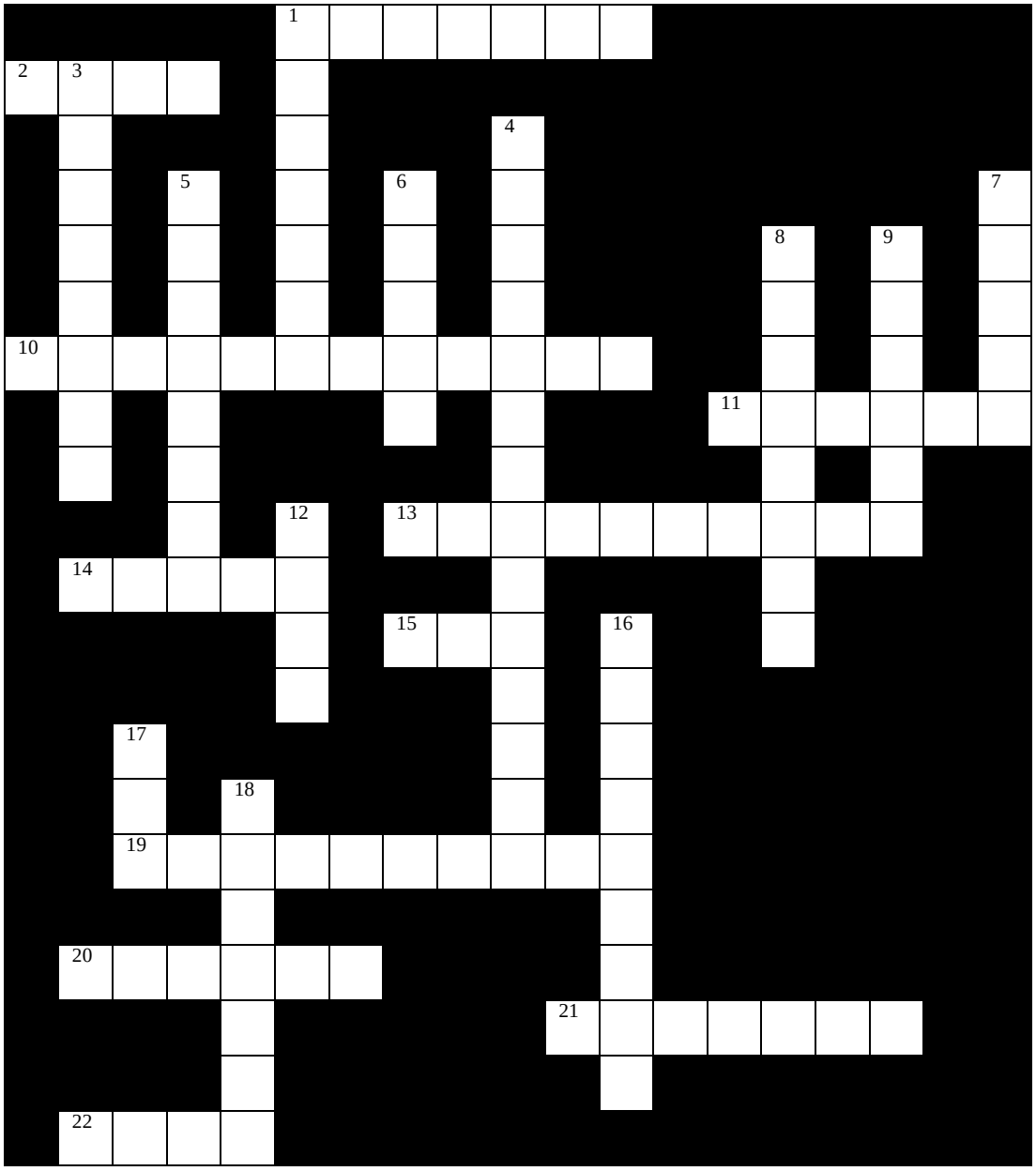
On January 7, 1872, Morton proposed a day that would encourage all Nebraskans to plant trees in their community. The agriculture board agreed, and after some back-and-forth about the title—the event was originally going to be called "Sylvan Day" in reference to forest trees—Morton convinced everyone that the day should reflect the appreciation of all trees, and "Arbor Day" was born.

On April 15, 1907, President Theodore Roosevelt, a supporter of the Conservation Movement, issued an "Arbor Day Proclamation to the School Children of the United States," telling them:
"It is well that you should celebrate your Arbor Day thoughtfully, for within your lifetimes the Nation's need of trees will become serious. We of an older generation can get along with what we have, though with growing hardship; but in your full manhood and womanhood you will want what nature once so bountifully supplied and man so thoughtlessly destroyed."

Arbor Day became a National Holiday in 1970 due to the efforts of President Richard Nixon.

Arbor Day is celebrated on the last Friday in April in the United States. It is marked by the planting of trees and emphasizes caring for them as a way to sustainably protect our planet's natural resources. People often dedicate trees to loved ones.

Genealogy Terms and Ideas – Crossword 1



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1. Process of proving a will
2. Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope
10. Only one of the "Big 4" genealogy websites that is completely free
11. Enumeration of population by the government
13. leaving one country to take up residence in another
14. Name used in early times for sheriff in England
15. Alias
19. Domain name of the Story County Genealogical Society
20. Preceded the Gregorian calendar
21. Person named in legal document as the seller of land
22. Legal document expressing your wishes for distribution of your goods after death

Down

1. Type of record created close in time to the event
3. Abbreviated transcription of a document
4. Process of becoming a citizen of another country
5. Recorded ancestry of a person
6. Gretna_____
7. Public announcement of an intended marriage
8. Chronological arrangement of events
9. Child of an aunt or uncle
12. Document transferring ownership and title of property
16. Parents, Grandparents, Great-grandparents
17. Genealogical Proof Standard (abbreviation)
18. Addition to a will

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President's Message

Kyle Solberg (SCGS member) showed us how to organize our research and family history online. His presentation was very interesting and informative. He explained how to do this and explained it so even I understood most of it and feel I can do it. I know the information is where you can access it when you need it and takes up so much less space. Can keep the original documents or pass them onto someone else and digitize the rest.

Dennis Allen is still a wealth of information and gladly shares what he has learned. There is so much to learn from the various records he mentioned. Sure want to keep my notes for cemetery trips this summer.

Another interesting and informative month at SCGS. Looking forward to May.

Nancy

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

SCGS meetings are closed (except Zoom if applicable) if the Ames Schools are closed or delayed due to weather. This is a safety factor for everyone concerned. April may or may not have snow so everyone be careful.

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday May 13, 2024
6:30 PM
Ames Public Library and Members via Zoom
"The Orphan Train (and Trees) In Iowa"
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Wednesday May 15, 2024
10:00 AM - Noon
Ames Public Library and Members via Zoom
IDEA Center Tour (at Ames Public Library)
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Genealogy & Computer Help Session
Wednesday June 26, 2024
10:00 AM - Noon
Ames Public Library – Danfoss Room

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Story County Genealogical Society (SCGS) April 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes Ames Public Library and by Zoom Video Communications

Present: 8 in person and 9 online

President Nancy Long called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

The minutes from March 11 were approved. There was no treasurer's report. Vice President for Membership Malvina Lutz reported the society has 77 members. In her role as Librarian, she is receiving suggestions for library books the society could purchase next year.

Web Manager Mary Lohr reported the April 17 Genealogy Plus meeting will be Using Cemetery Records for Genealogy Research presented by Dennis Allen. There will be a Genealogy Help Session on April 24. The board of directors will host a planning meeting April 22 at 7 p.m. via Zoom to garner ideas for programs beginning fall 2024. Mary will send a meeting link to members of the society.

Kyle Solberg presented the program -- Digital Genealogy: Bring Your Family History into the Digital Age. He listed advantages to digital genealogy – access on multiple devices, takes up less physical space, is easily sharable, easy to backup and less expensive than a paper system.

He suggested genealogists begin their digital work 'where they are'…. He advised keeping a system simple and efficient. First select a storage solution and file naming structure. Then digitize paper documents and photos. He said genealogists should analyze their system and make tweaks to it.

He advised people scan irreplaceable and valuable files first. He suggested documents be scanned at 300 dpi and photos at 600 dpi. There are various person identification numbering systems including the ahnentafel which is an ascending numbering system. Descending systems include register, modified register, Henry and d'Aboville.

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The filing structure he uses is a surname folder which has ancestor folders in it. Each ancestor folder can have subfolders for records, research notes and transcription notes.

Kyle uses Google Drive and tracks his direct line ancestors. He names each ancestor file by ahnentafel number, surname, first name, middle name, birth year and death year in that order. He color codes the files using a method such as blue for ancestors of his father's father, green for his father's mother, red for his mother's father and yellow for his mother's mother. He backs up his files on Google Docs, Microsoft One Drive and a hard drive. He uses templates, some of which are on storygenes.com. He does not use any genealogy software but keeps a primary family tree on Ancestry and a secondary one on Family Search.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Lynette Spicer, Secretary

Armed Forces Day

Many Americans celebrate Armed Forces Day annually on the third Saturday of May. It is a day to pay tribute to men and women who serve the United States' armed forces. Armed Forces Day is also part of Armed Forces Week, which begins on the second Saturday of May.

Many events across the United States take place on Armed Forces Day to honor Americans in uniform who served their country in times of war and peace. Those who are honored on this day include people who serve the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. National Guard and Reserve units may celebrate Armed Forces Day/Week over any period in May because of their unique training schedules. Events and activities may include:

- Multi-service military displays in areas open for the public.
- Various educational activities that teach children about the armed forces.
- "Support the Troops" themed motorcycle rides.
- Large parades and other local celebrations.

Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday May 13, 2024
In-Person Meeting at Library and also Zoom
Zoom meeting link to be sent to members
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

"The Orphan Train (and Trees) In Iowa"

Presenter: Lori Pellack

Lorrie will cover the Orphan Train project, locating information on Iowa riders, and how to request records for these children. She will also cover a little bit about researching orphanages in Iowa and children who were actually sent through the mail (postage was cheaper than buying a train ticket).

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday May 15, 2024
In-Person Meeting at Library and also Zoom
10:00 am – Whenever

IDEA Center Tour (at Ames Public Library)

Presenter: Megan Klein-Hewett

We'll take a "tour" to the other end of the Ames Public Library and learn about the IDEA center.
This space includes equipment to digitize old photos and slides, VHS videos, and cassette tape recordings. You will also find software like the Adobe Creative Suite and Final Cut Pro for all your editing needs.

Genealogy and Computer Help Session
Wednesday June 26, 2024
Ames Public Library
10:00 am to noon

Bring you genealogy questions, computer program questions and challenges and together we'll try to help.
We'll be in the APL Danfoss Room on the second floor.
No appointment necessary – just show up.
Remember: in genealoy there are no dumb questions, only ancestors who have not (yet) been found! No genealogy questions? Join us for camaraderie as we love to talk about all things genealogy!

NOTE: The month of the help session.

SET THE DATE! 2024 LECTURE SERIES AT THE AMES HISTORY MUSEUM

The 2024 AHM Lecture Series schedule is shown below. It is presented in partnership with the Ames Public Library. All lectures begin at 7:00 pm and are Free and open to the public. **The May 22rd Lecture series is open to the public or you can register for the Zoom link at** Lecture Series: Physical Education at Iowa State | Ames History Museum

- **May 22** - From Physical Culture to Dept. of Physical Education at Iowa State

You can go to https://ameshistory.org and register for the appropriate lecture or call 515-232-2148 or go to the Contact Us page to send them a message via email.

Lecture Series:
Wednesday May 22, 2024 7:00 pm
From Pioneer Tilden to National Leader Forker: Physical Education at Iowa State

Attend in person:
Ames Public Library
515 Douglas Ave.
Free and open to the public

From 1904 to 1944 at Iowa Agricultural College, Winifred Tilden, the first Head of the Department of Physical Culture, promoted physical activities for IAC's female students. Her legacy was carried forward by Barbara Forker as Department Chair of Physical Education for women and later men from 1948 to 1986, becoming a much-admired national leader. Speaker Jan Beran will relate the stories of these forward-looking women, whose impact can easily be seen today. Both were committed to promoting physical activity as part of a woman's overall lifetime health and wellness.

Presented in partnership by Ames History Museum and Ames Public Library.

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

May 1 – Law Day
May 1 – Loyalty Day
May 1 – Lei Day (HI)
May 1 – May Day
May 1 – First Day of Military Appreciation Month
May 1 – First Day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month
May 1 – First Day of Jewish American Heritage Month
May 2 – West Virginia Day of Prayer (WV)
May 3 – Kentucky Oaks (Sporting Event)
May 4 – Kent State Shootings Remembrance (OH)
May 4 – Kentucky Derby (Sporting Event)
May 4 – Rhode Island Independence Day (RI)
May 4 – National Explosive Ordnance Disposal Day
May 5 – Cinco de Mayo
May 6 – National Nurses Day
May 7 – National Teacher Appreciation Day
May 8 – Truman Day (MO)
May 8 – Victory in Europe Day
May 10 – Confederate Memorial Day (NC)
May 10 – Native American Day (WY)
May 10 – Military Spouse Appreciation Day (DE)
May 12 – Mother's Day
May 14 – Primary Election Day (WV)
May 14 – Jamestown Colony Founded
May 15 – Peace Officers Memorial Day
May 17 – National Defense Transportation Day
May 18 – Public Lands Day (CO)
May 18 – Armed Forces Day
May 18 – Preakness Stakes (Sporting Event)
May 22 – Emergency Medical Services for Children Day
May 22 – National Maritime Day
May 22 – Harvey Milk Day (CA)
May 25 – National Missing Children's Day
May 27 – Memorial Day
May 27 – Decoration Day (AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA)
May 27 – Jefferson Davis' Birthday (MS)

There are many other religious and regional holidays to celebrate. For worldwide holidays and observances: https://www.Timeanddate.com/holidays/.

Some of the observances are provided on the website: National Days 2025 - Calendarr

Other Fun Days to Celebrate

- World Password Day
- National Limerick Day
- World Cocktail Day
- National Apple Pie Day
- Astronomy Day
- World Tuna Day
- International Harry Potter Day
- National Dance Like a Chicken Day
- National Two Different Colored Shoes Day
- National Pizza Party Day
- World Whiskey Day
- National No Dirty Dishes Day
- National Paper Airplane Day
- National Clean Your Room Day

Many other days can be found for May at www.calendarr.com

This is How I Grew Up

- Wooden baseball bats
- Magnifying glass to burn ants
- Grocery bags as book covers
- Steel-wheeled roller skates
- Banana seat bicycles
- 29 cent McDonalds burgers
- 19 cent McDonalds fries
- Streetlight "Get Home" signal
- Kmart was our "mall"
- Walter Cronkite was our news

Source Facebook (Barbara O'Neill)

** This article appeared in the March and April *SCGS News* newsletter but it is worthy of appearing again as the topic is very important to SCGS and members.

Programming Ideas

One of the goals of the Story County Genealogical Society is quality programming for our members and guests. To that end, planning has begun for the 2024-2025 year. And you can be a part of the process!!

We schedule programs for the Monday evening meeting and the Wednesday Genealogy Plus daytime (AM) series.

1. What types of presentations or topics would you like to have?

2. Is there a country you're researching in that you would like to learn more about?

3. Are there research techniques you want to learn?

4. What areas are of interest to you:
    1) Social media?
    2) Scanning photographs?
    3) Particular software packages?

5. Is there a topic of general interest?
    1) Best websites?
    2) Tutorials?
    3) Help Sessions?

6. How to use a particular website effectively?

7. Budgeting for genealogy research?

8. Case studies?

9. Lifelong learning?

10. Is there a particular speaker you would recommend we try to schedule?

Please note: Suggesting a program or speaker does NOT bind you to presenting the program or speaker (although if you want to volunteer, that would be wonderful!)

Ideas and comments can be sent to info@storygenes.com
or webmanger@storygenes.com or mentioned at a regular SCGS meeting.

NOTE: Additional ideas may be mentioned elsewhere in this SCGS newsletter.

2024 SCGS/APL Genealogical Book Purchase

1) A Guide to Norwegian Genealogy, Emigration, and Transmigration - by Liv Marit Haakenstad & Becky Kruse Gjendem, published July 2022.

2) Generation by Generation: A Modern Approach to the Basics of Genealogy - by Drew Smith, published Feb 2023.

3) Finding Your Ancestors Obituaries: The Complete Genealogy Guide to Obituaries - by Kenneth R. Marks, published Mar 2023.

4) My Best Genealogy Tips: Quick Keys to Research Ancestry, Book 2 - by Robin R. Foster, published May 2023.

5) How Did I Get Here?: Genealogy Guide - by Catherine Brown, published July 2023.

6) Essential Skills for The Occasional Genealogist: Beyond-beginner Genealogy Skills for Busy Family Historians – by Jennifer Patterson Dondero, published Sept 2023.

Malvina Lutz
SCGS Librarian

NOTE: All six of these new genealogy research books were ordered, have arrived, and are being processed for shelving.

Ames History Museum

Visit Ames's first school this summer! Hoggatt School is a one-room schoolhouse which served the Ames community in the 1860s. Click on the following link to Learn more about Hoggatt.

Open Sundays, June 2 - July 28, 2-4 pm:

June 2 - Hoggatt School Summer Kickoff	July 7 - American Flag History + Free Ice Cream and Apple Pie
June 9 - Try Your Hand at Cursive Handwriting	July 14 - Making Butter the Pioneer Way
June 16 - Could You Survive the 1860s?	July 21 - Schoolyard Games for Kids and Adults
June 23 - What's in Your Lunchbox?	July 28 - Pioneer Dress Up + Free Photo Booth
June 30 - Making Soap the Pioneer Way	

Mother's Day Facts

Mother's Day in the United States **is** annually held on the second Sunday of May**.** In 2024, it falls on **Sunday, May 12**th. This special day is dedicated to honoring mothers, grandmothers, mothers-in-law, and all motherly figures. People often express their appreciation by giving gifts, cards, flowers, candy, or treating their mothers to a meal in a restaurant. It's a lovely way to celebrate the important role that mothers play in our lives!

Historically Mother's Day has its roots in the early 20th century, Anna Jarvis, an American woman, campaigned for a day to honor mothers after her own mother's death in 1905. Woodrow Wilson officially declared the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day in the United States.

VE Day – Victory in Europe Day

Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) marks the day when fighting against Nazi Germany in Europe came to an end during World War Two (WW2). On May 8, 1945, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced on the radio that the war in Europe had come to an end, following Germany's surrender the day before. Both Great Britain and the United States celebrate VE Day.

Memorial/Decoration Day 2024

Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May. It was formerly known as Decoration Day and commemorates all men and women who have died in military service for the United States. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day and it is traditionally seen as the start of the summer season.

Editor's Column

As you will notice, the next help session will be held on JUNE 26th in the Danfoss Room on the second floor. Let's see if we can get some more people that need help with their genealogy and/or computers this time.
Please note that it will be held in JUNE!!!

It looks like your editor won't be creating any newsletters in June, July and August. I would like to take a trip to the Wright County (Iowa) Museum in Clarion during that time. Maybe now I'll get to do it.

It looks like I'll be a day late again this month. Oh well, the SCGS board may cut my salary.

There are several military celebrations this month. Our military protects the USA citizens and therefore should be recognized. I am lucky to belong to the Ames American Legion #37. The Legion supports our troops and I am a member because my father, son and brothers-in-law all served our country in the military.

Dick

National Missing Children's Day

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed May 25 as National Missing Children's Day in memory of Etan Patz, a six-year-old boy who disappeared from a New York City street corner on May 25, 1979. Missing Children's Day honors his memory and the memories of children still missing. Although Patz' killer was convicted for the 1979 murder, Etan Patz remains missing and his case active with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children because his remains were never found.

Summer Time and the Learning is Easy ... (Once You Know What is Available)

by Mary J. Lohr

SCGS does not have any formal activities during the summer months of June, July, and August. It's a great time to do on-site research at libraries, archives, courthouses, and cemeteries. And it's also a time to take advantage of online webinars and learning opportunities, many of which are free. A great way to learn what is available is to check the website www.Conferencekeeper.org

The website describes itself as the "... most complete Calendar and Collection of Genealogy Events on the Internet." Begun in 2015 by Jen Baldwin, and now the work of Tammy Osmer Mize, it is part of the National Genealogical Society.

ConferenceKeeper is a valuable resource for genealogists and family historians looking to find conferences, seminars, webinars, and other genealogy-related events. Here's how you can use ConferenceKeeper.org to discover learning opportunities during the summer months:

1. **Visit the Website**: Head to www.ConferenceKeeper.org and explore the website's features. You'll find a searchable calendar of genealogy events organized by date, location, and type of event.

2. **Search by Date**: Since you're interested in events during the summer months, you can filter the calendar to display events specifically in June, July, and August. This will help you identify any webinars or conferences happening during that time frame.

3. **Search by Location**: If you're planning on doing on-site research during the summer, you can also search for events happening in specific locations. ConferenceKeeper allows you to filter events by location, making it easy to find events near libraries, archives, courthouses, or cemeteries you plan to visit.

4. **Explore Event Details**: Once you find events that match your criteria, click on them to view more details. You'll typically find information about the event, including dates, location, registration details, and any associated costs. *Many of the events are virtual and free, although registration is usually required*.

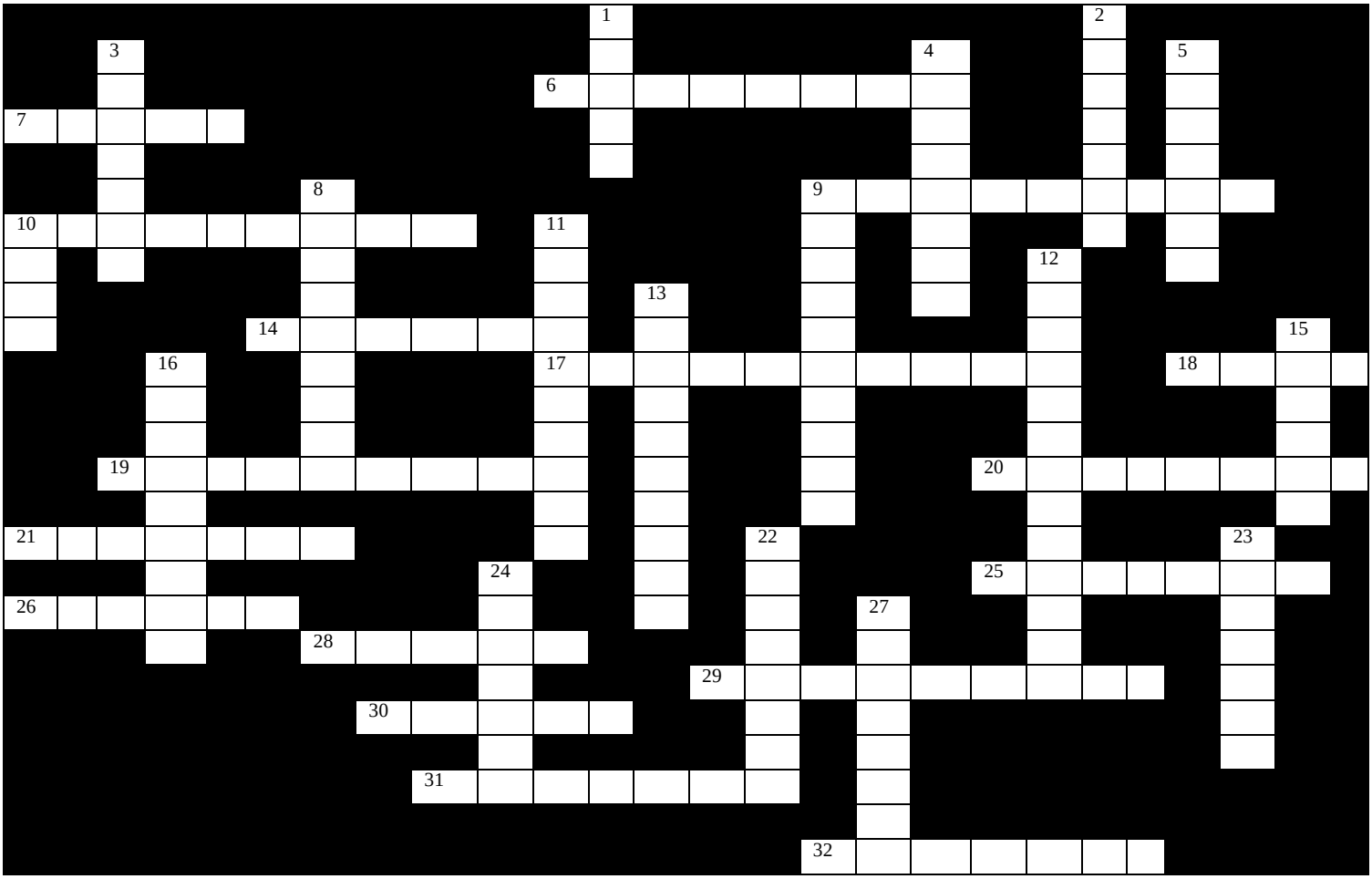
5. **Subscribe to Updates**: ConferenceKeeper allows users to subscribe to email updates, ensuring you stay informed about upcoming genealogy events throughout the year, including those happening during the summer months.

The website is financially supported by genealogy-related advertisements which appear unobtrusively in the margins.

While the website will list almost any submitted genealogy event, ConferenceKeeper does not sponsor and is not affiliated with the events. Think of the website as a virtual bulletin board of what's happening in the world of genealogy.

By using ConferenceKeeper.org, you can efficiently discover a wide range of genealogy events, webinars, and learning opportunities available during the summer months, helping you make the most of your research and educational experiences.

Genealogy Terms and Ideas – Crossword 2
People and Places of Iowa - SCGS



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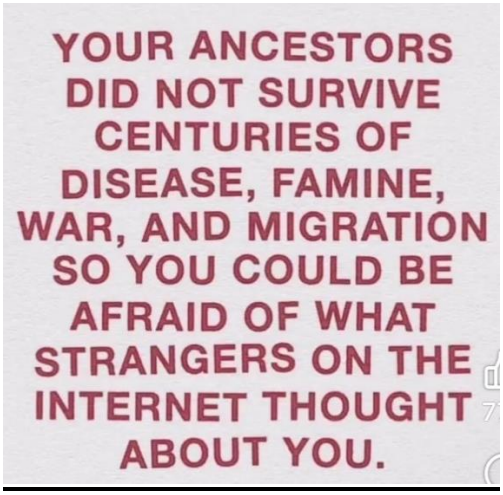
President's Message

The new year for SCGS is starting off with two really interesting presentations. Linda McCain will be giving a presentation at our Society meeting on September 9 on Rosie the Riviter and Mary Lohr will give us an insight on Google Tools for Genealogy Plus on September 19.

This summer was kind of like going down Memory Lane for me several times. My brother was asking how we were related to some of our ancestors and I know I gave him more information than he wanted. Donna Kallem and I were reminiscing about Ballard High School and people and stories we remembered. Discovered I was related to more people in the area than I thought. It really is a small world and get smaller all the time. Look forward to hearing what discoveries everyone has made.

See you in September.
Nancy


YOUR ANCESTORS DID NOT SURVIVE CENTURIES OF DISEASE, FAMINE, WAR, AND MIGRATION SO YOU COULD BE AFRAID OF WHAT STRANGERS ON THE INTERNET THOUGHT ABOUT YOU.

Story County Genealogical Society
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6:30 PM
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"Rosie the Riveters of Iowa"
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Genealogy Plus
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Using Google Tools for Genealogical Research
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Story County Genealogical Society (SCGS) May 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes Ames Public Library and by Zoom Video Communications

Members Present: 10 in-person, 11 online/Zoom

President Nancy Long called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

"The Orphan Train (and Trees) In Iowa", presenter: Lori Pellack, Iowa State University Parks Library.

The orphan train movement existed from 1854 to 1929. Iowa's first orphanage, Orphan's Home of Industry, opened in Iowa City in 1854. Boys were trained in farming and girls in domestic arts.

The Children's Aid Society placed homeless children on railways. The children may have been orphaned or abandoned. Many immigrants were coming to the U.S. at this time. There was no regard for religion or ethnicity in placement. Not all children were adopted; some lived with and worked for families. Not all children were well behaved, so some were sent back.

Creighton University has an interactive map of orphan train routes from 1850 to 1870. In 1850 Iowa had train routes only to Davenport, Dubuque, and Burlington. By 1870 routes went to the west coast.

Soldiers' Orphans Homes operated from 1864 to 1876. The children were sons and daughters of deceased soldiers and left in destitute circumstances or 'half-orphans' who had one parent living. The first such home in Iowa was in Van Buren County. In 1865 a branch opened in Cedar Falls and in 1866 one in Glenwood in Mills County. In 1876 all Soldiers' Orphans Homes were closed because it was 11 years since the end of the Civil War.

- By 1960 U.S. orphanages were extinct. The government started funding foster care.
- The Iowa Open Adoption Records law was passed in 2022 giving immediate family members and adoptees access to original birth certificates.
- Census records are the best resource to research an ancestor in an orphanage.

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- County histories include information on local orphanages and other government-run institutions.
- Institution records can list admission and discharge dates, birth dates, and reason for admission.
- Many Iowa orphanages were Lutheran or Catholic.

Business meeting

- The minutes of the April meeting were accepted.
- Treasurer Pete Peterson gave a report.
- Vice President for Membership Malvina Lutz reported the society currently has 77 members. The six books purchased in partnership with the Ames Public Library cost the society $58.21. The titles are in the May newsletter.
- Newsletter Editor Dick Cooper would be glad to accept newsletter articles during the
- summer for the September newsletter.

- Upcoming meetings --
- Genealogy Plus May 15, IDEA Center Tour, Presenter: Megan Klein-Hewett, Ames Public Library
- Genealogy and Computer Help Session June 26 at the Ames Public Library

Nancy asked members for program topic suggestions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.
Lynette Spicer, Secretary

Editor's Column

It looks like I'll be a day late again this month. Oh well, the SCGS board may cut my salary.

Note the special celebrations this month – V-J Day, Constitution and Patriot Day, Air Force Birthday, First Responders Day, Gold Star Mother's Day and especially Labor Day when we recognize everyone who has made this country as great as it is. *Dick*

Upcoming Events At SCGS

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"Rosie the Riveters of Iowa"

Presenter: Linda Betsinger McCann

Come learn more about Iowa's own women who went to work during WW2 with local historian and author Linda McCann.

Rosie the Riveter was the term given to the women who went to work during WWII. Most of the women went with hopes that would bring their husband or family members home sooner. Many women from Iowa went to the West Coast to work in plants that manufactured airplanes, tanks, and battleships.

A large number of women remained in Iowa and worked doing the same work here. The author was surprised how much production work went on in Iowa. Linda was able to speak with women who went to the coast and those who remained in Iowa and shares their memories in her book.

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday September 18, 2024
In-Person Meeting at Library and Zoom
10:00 am – Whenever

Using Google Tools for Genealogical Research

Presenter: Mary J. Lohr

Google is much more than a search engine! This presentation will describe some of the other Google tools and applications that can be used in your genealogy journey.

Museum Expansion Project

The museum's expansion project includes restoration of the historic Ames Pantorium, renovation of the museum building at the corner of 5th and Douglas, and an addition to the east.

The Making History Capital Campaign provides for:

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Exhibits and programs in the expanded museum will bring visitors to downtown Ames, foster community pride, and provide opportunities for meaningful engagement with the past.

Click on the following link to find out more information: Museum Expansion Project | Ames History Museum or insert this link in your Internet browser.

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

September 2 – Labor Day
September 2 – American Chess Day
September 2 – West Indian Day Parade
September 2 – World Letter Writing Day
September – Alzheimer's Month
September – National Chicken Month
September – National Suicide Prevention Month
September 2 – V-J Day
September 3 – Signing of the Treaty in Paris
September 7 – Carl Garner Federal Lands Cleanup Day
September 7 – Native American Day (DE)
September 8 – National Grandparents Day
September 9 -California Admission Day (CA)
September 11 – First Responders Day (NC)
September 11 – Patriot Day
September 15 – First Day of National Hispanic Heritage Month
September 15 – Constitution Commemoration Day
September 17 – Constitution Day and Citizenship Day
September 18 – Air Force Birthday
September 20 – National POW/MIA Recognition Day
September 22 – Emancipation Day (OH)
September 23 – American Indian Day (TN)
September 27 – Native American Day (CA, NV)
September 27 – American Indian Heritage Day
September 27 – Michigan Indian Day
September 28 – Public Lands Day (WY)
September 28 – National Public Lands Day
September 29 – Gold Star Mother's Day

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Other Fun Days to Celebrate in September

World Coconut Day
National Skyscraper Day
World Sexual Health Day
National Lazy Mom's Day
National Cheese Pizza Day
World Beard Day
National Salami Day
National Teddy Bear Day
National Make Your Bed Day
National Chocolate Milkshake Day
National Peanut Day
National Bald is Beautiful Day
National Hug Your Groundhog Day
National Guacamole Day
National Cheeseburger Day
National Rum Day
National Thrift Shop Day
National Potato Day
World Mosquito Day
National Chocolate Pecan Pie Day
National Tooth Ferry Day
National Waffle Day
National Kiss and Make Up Day
National Secondhand Wardrobe Day
National Dog Day

A True Friend

doesn't care if you're broke, upset, what you weigh, if your house is a mess, what car you drive, or if your family is filled with crazy people.

They love you for who you are.

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Additional Moses Ballard Information

Ballard, Moses A993301

Moses F. Ballard was born 11 Apr 1756 in Montague Dist Hampshire Co MA. He died 4 Apr 1833 in Smyrna Chenango Co NY. He married Ruth Morley (b. 29 Dec 1776 Greenfield Hampshire Co MA, d. 18 Feb 1859 Will Co IL) in Gill Hampshire Co MA on 18 Feb1795.

One child has been proven: Moses Russell Ballard (b. 27 Oct 1801 Gill Hampshire Co MA, d. 7 Jan 1878 Story Co IA) who married Eliza Beecher (b. 28 Jun 1809, New Haven New Haven Co CT, d. 8 Jan 1880 Story Co IA) on 14 Dec 1825 in NY. According to pension records, they also had another son, Luther Western Ballard (b. 3 Oct 1804); who, according to the pension record, married Rachel. In 1855, Luther and Rachel were living in Cook Co IL.

While residing at his father's home in Montague Hampshire Co MA, Moses Ballard volunteered about 1 June 1775 and served as a Revolutionary War Soldier in Boston under Colonel Doolittle and Colonel Holden as a private in the Massachusetts Troops for two months.

He again enlisted again about 1 May 1776 and served in Captain Timothy Childs' Massachusetts Company under Colonel Doolittle and Colonel Holden, which marched to Ticonderoga Essex Co NY and remained there until November 1776 when he was discharged.

He again volunteered about 1 May 1777 and served in Captain Moses Harvey's Massachusetts Company under Colonels Doolittle and Holden under General Putnam and General St. Clair until November 1777. They marched to Bennington, Bennington Co VT, then Skenesborough Whitehall Co NY and returned to Benington in charge of some sick soldiers. Hearing the cannonading (heavy gunfire discharge) at Saratoga Saratoga Co NY, left immediately for that place and was present when Burgoyne surrendered. After which he marched to White Plains Westchester Co NY, at
which place he became lame and about the middle of November 1777 was granted a furlough and did not again enter the army.

After the Revolution, Moses Ballard remained in Montague Dist Hampshire Co MA for about two years then lived in Gill Co MA before moving to Hampshire Co MA and lived there for nearly thirty years. At which point, he moved to Smyrna Chenango Co NY.

Moses Ballard applied for a pension at Smyrna Chenango Co NY on 9 Oct1832. His claim was allowed. He died 4 April 1833 in the same city. His wife re-married in 1837. Her second husband died in 1848. At the age of seventy-four
the widow, while residing Will Co IL, was allowed a pension because of her first husband's service.

Sources:

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Genealogy Workshop

Come one; Come all!

When: Saturday - September 23rd, 2023
Where: Stanhope Community Center
600 Main Street
Stanhope, Iowa 50246
Time: 9:30 am –registration
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Admission is "Free"

Bring your own brown-bag lunch & Laptops – beverage & snacks provided

Session Topics:

Collecting Your DNA Family Members by Dennis Allen & Cris Nagla
AncestryDNA - Sorting Out Your Cousins by Sharon Cline

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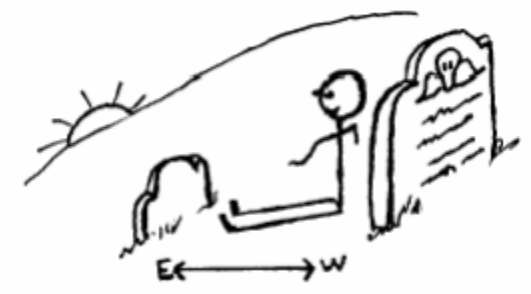
The story goes that bodies were laid head to the west, feet to the east so that, at the sound of the cock's crow on the day of judgement, the resurrected dead would arise to face the dawn. To facilitate a visitor's reading the gravestone inscriptions without walking on the grave, the head and foot stones were set with their carved surfaces facing away from the grave. Thus, the inscribed faces of old headstones tend to face west and those on footstones, east.
See illustration below for E and W directions



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Book Reviews

These books were added to the Ames Public Library collection earlier in 2024 and may be checked out.
Reviewed by Mary J. Lohr.

My Best Genealogy Tips: Quick Keys to Research Ancestry, Book 2 by Robin R. Foster.

(Benjamin Book Publishing, 2023)

If you have been doing genealogical research for six months or sixty years, you'll likely find something useful in this book. Robin Foster has compiled an extensive and worthwhile collection of suggestions for finding your ancestors.

This book is divided into 41 chapters, each of which is concise in ideas and tips centered on a different topic. But one theme runs throughout the book: slow down, genealogy is not a race, proceed with caution. And the author gives valid reasons for this approach.

Reading this book is almost like having a conversation with a very experienced genealogical researcher. The tone of the book is encouraging and supportive.

The concluding chapter is a gem: "Top Questions Asked in Genealogy! Just Ask!" Here you will find answers to such questions as "How do I find my ancestor's parents?" "What is ChatGPT?" What are the names of the repositories that have genealogy records?" It's really tempting to begin with this chapter!

My Best Genealogy Tips is available on Amazon (Kindle or paperback) and at the Ames Public Library (929.1 FOS 2023).

"How Did I Get Here? : Genealogy Guide" by Catherine Brown
(Catherine Brown, ©2023)

For the beginning researcher who may be overwhelmed with "where do I begin?" this book would be a good place to start.

The author provides a straight-forward approach of why, when, where, and how to start searching for your ancestors. There is some technology mentioned in the book, but not in-depth, thus making it a good source for the researcher who wants to begin with a simple, but expanding, approach.

The books also include forms (research check list, pedigree charts, family group record, etc.) that can be copied. There is even a section for notes (handy if you have your own copy).

An excellent suggestion from the author is, "Use what you need and skip over what you don't need."

I wish this book had been available many years ago when I was first starting down the ancestral path!

(Suggestion: start with this book and then use Robin Foster's book for additional ideas and research.)

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Don't Wash your hair in the Shower

It's so good to finally get a health warning that is useful.

IT INVOLVES THE SHAMPOO WHEN IT RUNS DOWN YOUR BODY WHEN YOU SHOWER WITH IT…A WARNING TO US ALL!!!

I don't know WHY I didn't figure this out sooner! I use shampoo in the shower! When I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body, and printed very clearly on the shampoo label is this warning;
"FOR EXTRA BODY AND VOLUME."

No wonder I have been gaining weight! Well, I got rid of that shampoo and I am going to start showering with Dawn dishwashing soap instead. Its label reads;
"DISSOLVES FAT THAT IS OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE"

Problem solved!
If I don't answer the phone I'll be in the shower!!!!!

NOTE: Printed from Facebook humor

Nightly Walk Home

Last night, I was walking home and decided to take a shortcut past the cemetery. Three girls walked up to me and explained that they were really scared to walk past the cemetery at night, so I agreed to let them walk along with me. I told them I understand.

I used to be freaked out too when I was alive.

Never seen anyone run that fast before.

NOTE: Printed from Facebook humor

Books ... Books ...

Compiled by Lorrie Pellack

New and newly-discovered books at the ISU Parks Library that might be of interest to genealogists:
[*Note: none of these is currently owned by the Ames Public Library.*]

The Birth Certificate: An American history. By Susan J. Pearson.
Call number: HA38 A5 P43 2021
Shows examples of how they've changed over time – including that before 1968 it had a check box for "legitimate: yes or no" If box was left empty, certificate was not valid!

Escaping Matrimony: A documentary history of eloping spouses in colonial America. By Antonio T. Bly.
Call number: HQ535 B59 2023
"This study is a collection of elopement advertisements printed in newspapers throughout British North America." It includes a name index in the back. Check out Ben Bannerman on page 44!
Oh my!

How to Weed Your Attic: Getting Rid of the Junk Without Destroying History. By Elizabeth Dow.
Call number: TX324.5 D69 2018 [in process – shipped to library on 7/11/24]
A slim volume, concisely written, great advice and things to consider when making decisions.

Notorious Missouri: 200 years of historic crimes. By James and Vicki Erwin.
Call number: HV6793 M8 E79x 2021

Preserving Family Recipes: how to save and celebrate your food traditions
Call number: TX651 F74 2015

Iowa and Iowa Counties - SCGS Word Search

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Words may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal and may be backward
Answers can be found at Word Search Answers on the SCGS website

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Allamakee	Davis	Iowa	Marion	VanBuren
CerroGordo	Delaware	Jackson	Monona	Wapello
Clarke	Dubuque	Lyon	Monroe	Winnebago
Clinton	Emmet	Madison	Pottawattamie	Woodbury

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Credit Cards are accepted also (www.storygenes.com)
Membership - Individual $20 ___ or Family (2) $25 ___
OR
Donations (Voluntary)
Make checks payable to Story County Genealogical Society

Membership Application

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____Birthday: ____/____/_____

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President's Message

Story County Genealogical Society is off to a very good start with two very good programs for October. We will be visiting the new Ames History Museum for our Society Meeting on October 14. We will meet at the Ames Public Library for a short business meeting and then walk to the Museum. We will meet on October 16 for Genealogy Plus at 10:00 a.m. - Gwenna will be telling us about "Lesser-Known Websites". You can always find out what is coming up by visiting the website - Strorygenes.com.

Once again, I want to put out a plea for someone to fill the position of Vice President of Education. We need someone to step up and take the lead for this position. You don't have to do everything yourself. the Board will help and there are others that will help in any way they can. Please consider helping.

Nancy

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday October 14, 2024
6:30 PM
Ames Public Library and Members via Zoom
Ames History Museum Tour
See Page 3

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday October 16, 2024
10:00 AM - Noon
Ames Public Library and Members via Zoom
"Useful But Lesser-Known Websites for Genealogical Research"
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Story County Genealogical Society (SCGS) Meeting minutes

September 9, 2024, Ames Public Library and Zoom Video Communications

"Rosie the Riveters of Iowa"
Co-sponsor: Ames Public Library
Presenter: Linda Betsinger McCann

Present**:** 23 in person, 8 online

Rosie the Riveter is a symbol of female empowerment and industrial contributions during World War II. Representing the women who stepped into roles traditionally held by men, Rosie embodied the shift in the workforce as women took on jobs in factories and shipyards, producing munitions and war supplies. These women were crucial to the WWII Home Front effort.

Most of the women hoped their work would bring their husbands or family members home sooner. Many Iowa women went to the West Coast to work in plants that manufactured airplanes, tanks, and battleships. Some women remained in Iowa to work. McCann interviewed women with Iowa connections and shares their memories in her book.

McCann said the women:

1. signed documents agreeing not to talk about their war work for 50 years
2. had no training but were simply shown how to complete a task
3. enjoyed working on assembly lines where they could converse with other workers
4. often asked their husbands for permission to work
5. were paid lower wages than men doing the same work
6. sometimes worked victory shifts from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. so they could leave their children at home asleep

The federal government lowered the age for women to work to age 16. In addition to factory work, American women worked on farms, picked up garbage, drove taxis, worked for the railroads, and joined military units such as the Navy WAVEs and Army WACs.

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Continued from previous column (**"Rosie"**)

McCann said 70 Iowa companies had military contracts. Locally, the Ames Canning Company had a contract. Other notable companies employing women were the Iowa Transmission Company at the John Deere plant in Waterloo, the Iowa Ordnance Plant near Burlington, Rath Packing Company in Waterloo and the Gothier Mink ranch in Anthon, Iowa. McCann concluded saying 75 percent of the women who worked outside the home during World War II said they would continue working if they could.

Business meeting

Present: 13 in person, 6 online
President Nancy Long called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

The May 2024 meeting minutes were approved.

Malvina Lutz reported the society currently has 76 members. She has found six new books that are possibilities for the Ames Public Library. The society and the library finalize book suggestions in the spring each year.

Web Manager Mary Lohr said all programs are on the Web site. She said the May Genealogy Plus was still open and a request is out for a speaker at the May society meeting. She and Nancy Long worked on getting speakers for programs. The position Vice President for Programming is open as Lyle Hammes has moved away. Nancy encouraged members to consider taking the position, which is primarily a coordinator with other members helping secure programs.

Treasurer Pete Peterson gave his report.

Upcoming meetings --
September 18 -- Genealogy Plus – Using Google Tools for Genealogical Research, Presenter: Mary J. Lohr
October 14 – Society meeting, tour of renovated Ames History Museum
October 16-- Genealogy Plus –Useful but Lesser-Known Websites for Genealogical Research,
Presenter: Gwenna Jacobson

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.
Lynette Spicer, Secretary

Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday October 14, 2024
In-Person Meeting at Library and Zoom
Zoom meeting link to be sent to members
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
October 14, 2024, Ames Public Library and Zoom Video Communications

Tour of the New Ames History Museum

NOTE: Meet at Ames Public Library for short business meeting at 6:30 and them we will walk to the AHM less than 1 block away

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday October 16, 2024
In-Person Meeting at Library and Zoom
10:00 am – Whenever

"Useful But Lesser-Known Websites for Genealogical Research"

Presenter: Gwenna Jacobson

You're likely familiar with FamilySearch, Ancestry, Find a Grave and other well know genealogical websites. But are you aware there are a plethora of many other useful, but not as well known, websites that you may find useful? Gwenna will describe some of those that may just hold the keys to finding your elusive ancestors.

Don't Forget
Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 3, 2024

When local daylight time is about to reach Sunday, November 3, 2024, 2:00:00 am clocks are turned backward 1 hour to Sunday, November 3, 2024, 1:00:00 am local standard time instead.

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on Nov 3, 2024 than the day before. There will be more light in the morning and less light in the evening.

You will get 1 hour of extra sleep on Sunday morning.

Remembering Buckley Peterson, Storyteller and Genealogical Gem

The Story County Genealogical Society mourns the passing of Buckley Peterson this past August. Buckley wasn't just a long-time member; he was a cornerstone of the Society, serving as editor of the SCGS News for several years.

Buckley's passion for genealogy wasn't confined to research. As his wife Marilyn shared, his true joy came from weaving stories – either writing them for the newsletter or regaling fellow members with his infectious enthusiasm.

Those who knew Buckley will fondly remember his kindness and quiet competence. A gentle smile and a pleasant demeanor were his hallmarks. He was a reliable source of assistance, always ready to lend a hand (with a smile, of course!).

Buckley's legacy extends beyond his editorial contributions. He leaves behind a wealth of preserved stories and a reminder of the importance of sharing our family histories.

Rest in peace, Buckley. Thank you for the stories you shared and the ones you helped us discover.

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

October 6 – German American Day
October 7 – Frances Xavier Cabrini Day (CO)
October 7 – Child Health Day
October 9 – Leif Erikson Day (CO)
October 11 – Casimir Pulaski Day (MA, MI, RI)
October 12 – Robert E. Lee's Birthday (Arkansas)
October 13 – Navy Birthday
October 13 – Chicago Marathon (Tentative Date)
October 14 – Columbus Day (22 states)
October 14 – Fraternal Day (Alabama)
October 14 – Yorktown Victory Day (Virginia)
October 14 – Discoverers' Day (Hawaii)
October 14 – Native American Day (SD, OK)
October 14 – Indigenous People's Day (28 states)
October 14 – American Indian Heritage Day (AL)
October 15 – White Cane Safety Day
October 16 – Boss's Day
October 18 – Alaska Day (Alaska)
October 19 – Sweetest Day (13 states)
October 25 – Nevada Day (Nevada)
October 31 – Halloween
November 3, 2024 – Daylight Savings Time goes off.

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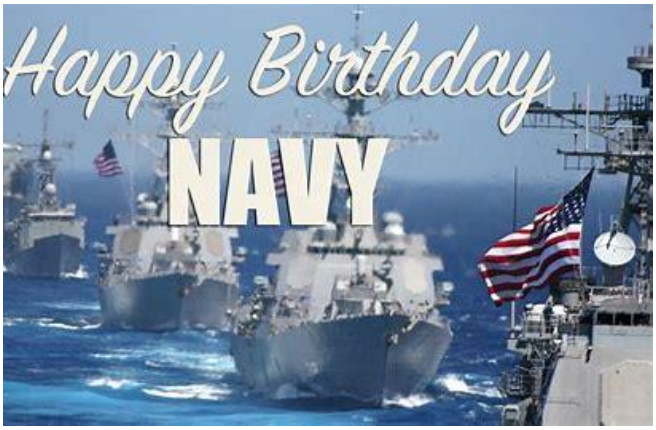

Other Fun Days to Celebrate in October

National Vodka Day
National Coffee Day
National Homemade Cookies Day
National Fire Pup Day
International Day of Older Persons
National Hair Day
National Kale Day
National Boyfriend Day
Mean Girls Day
World Smile Day
National Cinnamon Roll Day
National Get Funky Day
World Egg Day
Farmers Day
National Chocolate Cupcake Day
National Nut Day
National American Beer Day
National Cat Day

Of course there are many more days dedicated to nearly everything imaginable, but these are a few.

Happy Birthday U.S. Navy

The U.S. Navy was founded on October 13, 1775, with the Department of the Navy established in 1798. The Navy's mission is to "maintain, train and equip combat-ready naval forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggression and maintaining freedom of the seas," and it does so with warfare specialties that include aviation, surface warfare, nuclear submarines, special forces and support services.

The U.S. Navy uses many different types of equipment. Learn about the ships, aircraft, weapons and technology the Navy utilizes to carry out missions and defend the United States. Go to: www.military.com

There are approximately 341,000 sailors serving actively in the U.S. Navy today with an additional 59,000 reserve personnel.

These are only 2 of the graphics found on the NEW Ames History Museum website. Please note the SCGS event on October 14th when SCGS member will meet at 6:30 at the Ames Public Library for a short business meeting and then we will take the short walking tour less than 1 block away to the newly renovated Ames History Museum (AHM) for a tour of the NEW facility.

Everyone is encouraged to visit the new AHM website for more information including other events that will be held for residents of the city of Ames during the Grand Reopening of the Ames History Museum. The website is: www.ameshistory.org.

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Photo of the Ames Public Library today with the original library in the background and still in use today.

Photo copied from the Ames Public Library Vintage collection. ames public library vintage photo - Search Images (bing.com)

Zoom Updates for SCGS Meetings

Adventures in Using Zoom

As a reminder, SCGS meetings and programs are typically hybrid, combining in-person and virtual (Zoom) participation whenever feasible. However, technical hiccups or unforeseen circumstances can sometimes prevent us from offering a Zoom option.

The September 9th Monday night meeting featured two Zoom links: one for the speaker's presentation (cosponsored by the Ames Public Library) and a second for the business portion.
Please note the following updates for upcoming meetings:

- **October 14** The meeting will begin with a hybrid (in-person and on Zoom) format for the business portion. However, due to the nature of the program (a tour of the Ames History Museum), the program itself will only be available in person. We'll do our best to share photos afterward.
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- **November 11:** Since the Ames Public Library will be closed on Veterans Day, this meeting will be held entirely via Zoom.

Our Genealogy Plus meetings on the third Wednesday continue to be hybrid and, when possible, recorded.
We'll send a reminder email closer to the date of each event with more specific details. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.
Submitted by SCGS Webmaster

Editor's Note: As mentioned in the article above, there will be some digital pictures of the tour in the November newsletter. There will be only key pictures as too many will make the newsletter too large for most emails.

Editor's Column

I wish that I had been in SCGS long enough to get to know Buckley Peterson. Mary's article points to some features that were very beneficial to all SCGS members.

Well, the beginning of November will give everyone an extra hour of sleep (see article on Daylight Saving Time). "Use it wisely."

I have to echo what has already been said in the SCGS Minutes – the presentation on "Rosie the Riveter" was very interesting. She told of some of the things that the women did during WWII; both in Iowa and other places in the USA. Linda McCann also gave presentation about some of the "Lost" towns in Iowa. She had some books for sale and since I was born in Wright County, Iowa I purchased the one for Franklin County, which the Wright County/Franklin County line goes through Dows. Both presentations were very interesting.

I'm really looking forward to the October 14th and 16th programs. We will have a tour of the NEW Ames History Museum (I hope that my hip is healed) then 2 days later we will hear from Gwenna Jacobson about some websites that we may not have heard about.

The September GP program also told everyone about Google. I knew it was big, but I guess I didn't know how big it really is. Mary Lohr told us with a slide presentation presenting some of the features of some apps and handout telling many of the additional apps available.

Dick

Unlock Your Family History for Free with Your Library Card!

By Mary J. Lohr

Ever dreamed of tracing your family tree, but worried about the cost in these times of tight budgets? Look no further than your local library! The Ames Public Library (and many others) offer FREE access to powerful genealogy resources like HeritageQuestOnline (HQ).

Research in Your PJs, Anytime, Anywhere!

Unlike Ancestry.com, which requires in-library use, HQ lets you delve into your family history from the comfort of your home, 2 AM and bunny slippers included! All you need is a library card and an internet connection.

What Treasures Await in HQ?

- **U.S. Federal Census (1790-1950):** Discover where your ancestors lived and who they lived with. This is the cornerstone of genealogical research, and HQ makes it readily accessible. Bonus: Explore some Canadian census records too!
- **Over 28,000 Local and Family History Books:** Dig into city directories and delve into local and family histories to uncover rich details about your ancestors' lives.
- **Search by Person or Publication:** Find specific individuals or pinpoint relevant church, county, and society histories with ease.

Getting Started with HQ is a Breeze!

Visit the Ames Public Library website (amespubliclibrary.org) and navigate to Learn and Explore > Online Learning > HeritageQuestOnline. Simply log in with your library card for easy access.

Unleash the Power of Maps and More!

The opening screen provides a glimpse of available resources, but for a comprehensive view, click "Search." Explore the Maps section to visualize evolving state and county borders, or delve into a vast array of additional databases.

The Best Part? It's Completely Free!

Say goodbye to genealogy research costs! HeritageQuestOnline offers a wealth of information without breaking the bank. So, whether you're a seasoned researcher or just starting your journey, it's time to revisit (or discover!) this valuable resource.

Names Not Used to much Today #1 - SCGS Word Search #52

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ANNIA	ERNESTINE	GLORIA	ORIANA	VIELLA
ARAVIE	ESSIA	IRIE	RIVI	VIENNA
AVIVA	EVALIE	LIORA	SOLEY	YVAINE
CLIONA	FIORA	MARDELLE	STARLIE	ZERA
COZY	FLORABEL	MINERVA	SUNLEE	ZIA

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(This issue has a slightly different appearance since it is being compiled by a guest editor. Our editor, Dick Cooper, is recovering from hip surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery!)

Upcoming Events:

SCGS Meeting, Monday, November 11, 2024, 6:30 PM CT ***ZOOM ONLY***
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81690310824
Annual business meeting, election of officers. Program: Discussion: "Technology Ways and Woes" ; Demonstration: Plotting Your Ancestor's Homestead Land

Genealogy Plus Wednesday, November 20, 10 AM CT, Ames, Public Library, 515 Douglas Ave., Ames, Iowa and via Zoom
Program: "Finding Ancestor Locations."

President's Message

We had a sneak preview of the Ames History Museum for our society meeting. Lots of very good displays and really enjoyed hearing about the history of the building. Gwenna told us about the Lesser Known Websites for Genealogical Research at the Genealogy Plus meeting. Lots of good sites to keep in mind. Also, the Norwegian Interest Group at IGS learned about facilities, groups and websites in the US that information on our ancestors who settled in the Midwest.

My Grandfather came to the US from Norway with two brothers. It has been interesting to see how different they were and the different paths they took when they got here. Also, I have been trying to dig into a branch of Tom's family who came from Luxembourg. There seems to be a difference of opinion among family members on whether the family is French or German. His Great Grandparents have Germany listed on several census and said they spoke German. He has a cousin who likes the sound of the French pronunciation of the surname. Tom's Grandfather added an extra L (Malliet) because he thought it looked better. Very interesting the more I get into it.

--Nancy Long

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Story County Genealogical Society (SCGS)
Meeting minutes
October 14, 2024, Ames Public Library and Zoom Video Communications
Present**:** 17 in person, 5 online

President Nancy Long called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

The September 2024 meeting minutes were approved. Treasurer Pete Peterson gave his report.

Vice-president for membership Malvina Lutz reported there are currently 76 members. She has six books on her Ames Public Library list so far for ordering for SCGS this spring.

Nancy noted the November 11 meeting will be the annual meeting with the election of officers. Positions open are president, treasurer, vice-president for education, newsletter editor, and historian.

Nancy (president), Pete (treasurer), Paul (historian) and Dick (newsletter editor) agreed to be renominated to their positions. The vice-president for education position is vacant and needs someone to serve. Mary Lohr said she had arranged most, but not all, of the programs for 2024-2025 but cannot do so for the upcoming year. This position coordinates the monthly programs with the help of other members.

A slate of candidates will be presented at the November meeting. Nominations will also be open from the floor. November 11 is Veterans Day. The Ames Public Library will be closed, so the meeting will be only via Zoom. Members will use the "raise hand" feature in Zoom to vote. This feature works even if a person does not have a camera turned on.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

The group at the library then walked to the newly renovated Ames History Museum for a brief tour prior to the public opening of the museum. The expansion project includes restoration of the historic Ames Pantorium, renovation of the museum building at the corner of Fifth and Douglas and an addition to the east. The grand reopening of the museum is October 26.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynette Spicer, Secretary

Do You Want an Extra Hour of Genealogy Research Time?

Your wish will be granted on Sunday, November 3, at 2 AM CDT when we revert to standard (non-daylight) time! Of course, some people may use this as an extra hour of sleep, but given what we know about genealogists, we think some serious researchers will be using this additional hour to build their family tree!

A Comment Received on the October Genealogy Plus presentation: ("Useful But Lesser Know Genealogical Websites")

"Gwenna's presentation was excellent and her handout is great! The group is very fortunate to have such dedicated and informed members ..."

SCGS got a first look at the newly renovated Ames History Museum in October. Some of the Museum includes the former Ames Pantorium Building.
Here are a few photos we captured during the tour:

Sign in entryway.

Beginning of tour.

Old Fire Door

Some early area businesses.

Quilts on Display

Old Vault Door

Dinky Train Exhibit

Sample of Storage Collection

Armistice Day and Veterans Day

Partially taken from www.history.com

The Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, marking the official end of World War I. Nonetheless, the armistice date of November 11, 1918, remained in the public imagination as the date that marked the end of the conflict.

One year later, in November 1919, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. The day's observation included parades and public gatherings, as well as a brief pause in business and school activities at 11 a.m.

On November 11, 1921, an unidentified American soldier killed in the war was buried at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C.

From Armistice Day to Veterans Day

American effort during World War II saw the greatest mobilization of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force in the nation's history (more than 16 million people); some 5.7 million more served in the Korean War.

In 1954, after lobbying efforts by veterans' service organizations, the 83rd U.S. Congress amended the 1938 act that had made Armistice Day a holiday, striking the word "Armistice" in favor of "Veterans." President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the legislation on June 1, 1954. From then on, November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

In 1975, after it became evident that the actual date of Veterans Day carried historical and patriotic significance to many Americans, President Gerald Ford signed a new law returning the observation of Veterans Day to November 11th beginning in 1978. If November 11 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the federal government observes the holiday on the previous Friday or following Monday, respectively. Government offices are closed on Veterans Day.

Happy Birthday and Semper Fi Marines!

From www.marines.mil website

November 10, 2024 will mark the 249th birthday of the United States Marine Corps. Dating back to 1775, just eight months prior to the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Second Continental Congress established the Continental Marines.

The newly formed Marine Corps' purpose was to provide additional security and support for the Continental Navy. Led by Commandant Samuel Nicholas, the initial two battalions of Continental Marines performed gallantly during the Revolutionary War, but were disbanded by Congress following the war due to fiscal constraints. However, more than two decades later, the Marines were reborn when on July 11, 1798, the US Congress ordered the reestablishment of a Marine Corps, which would

operate under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy. From that day until the present, Marines have served with distinction in every clime and place.

As contained in the greeting of this message, “Semper Fidelis”, or “Semper Fi” for short, is the Marine Corps’ motto. It means “always faithful” in Latin, and it signifies a Marine’s loyalty to the mission, to the Corps and to the country. What you may not know is that Semper Fi did not become the Corps’ official motto until 1883. During its first century of existence, the Corps had a few unofficial mottos: “to the shores of Tripoli,” which commemorates the Marines’ service in the First Barbary War; “Fortitudine” meaning “with courage”; and “Per Mare, Per Terram” (“by sea and by land”), which US Marines borrowed from the British Royal Marines. The Marine Corps is the smallest of the armed services in the Department of Defense, with roughly 190,000 active-duty personnel.

Since 1921, Marines worldwide have celebrated the Marine Corps birthday with parades, formal gatherings, and cake-cuttings no matter the circumstance. This year’s celebration will be no different, and although Marines cannot gather in large numbers to celebrate, the Marines of DTRA and DLA have collaborated to develop a unique, virtual 249th USMC Birthday Celebration.

Uncover Your Family's Story: Explore Genealogy Plus at Ames Public Library!

Did you know the Ames Public Library offers a wealth of resources for tracing your family history? Visit their Genealogy Plus webpage (https://www.amespubliclibrary.org/GenealogyPlus) to discover:

- **Recordings of Past Presentations:** Learn from genealogy experts on a variety of topics, from getting started to uncovering hidden records. (from 2020-present).
- **Informative Handouts:** Download helpful guides to enhance your research process.
- **Upcoming Events:** Register for engaging workshops and lectures led by genealogy specialists.

Heads Up! SCGS November 11 Meeting Now on Zoom Only

Due to the Ames Public Library's closure for Veterans Day, the SCGS meeting on Monday, November 11th will ONLY be held virtually via Zoom.

Join the meeting here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81690310824

Program: Annual Meeting with election of officers; demonstration of plotting ancestral homestead land (with the aid of three websites); discussion of “Ways and Woes of Technology.

Please note: SCGS is in need of a VP for Education who will lead the planning of SCGS programs for 2024-2025. Members of the Executive Board will lend assistance. Without programs, we really don’t have a quality society! (*This position has been vacant for two years but the person who has “filled in” cannot continue in this role, however, she will lend assistance in the transition period.) Contact President Nancy Long (info@storygenes.com) for more information.*

From the SCGS Librarian--

"As librarian for SCGS, each year I look for newer published books to aid in genealogists doing research on their family history. Then in March of the next year, I suggest a list of books for Ames Public Library to consider purchasing and add to the shelves. SCGS pays for half of the total book cost. As most of us now do more of our research online, and not that many new genealogy research books being published yearly...I am always looking for suggestions of a book you read about in a magazine or on a genealogy website that might be a good choice to add to my list. Books need to be of either general genealogy researching techniques, various country of original ancestry, or pertaining to Iowa. Books just about the genealogy of a certain family, usually not purchased for the library. Thank you for any suggestions."-- Malvina Lutz

Unveiling Your Family History: Resources at the Ames Public Library

Unleash the secrets of your past at the Ames Public Library! We offer a wealth of resources to help you trace your family tree, from colonial roots to modern times.

Dive Deep with Our Genealogy Collection:

- **Located on the second floor near the Adult Services Desk,** our reference collection boasts over 900 titles. Explore resources rich in Colonial and New England history, alongside materials for other states.
- **Curious about specific ancestors?** Browse the general stacks area for checkout-able genealogy books, primarily classified under 929.1 (but don't miss the hidden gems in other sections!).

More Than Books:

- **Delve into local history:** Access city directories for Ames and Story County, telephone directories, and yearbooks for Ames High School.
- **Uncover online treasures:** Explore the library's subscriptions to HeritageQuestOnline and Ancestry Library Edition (FREE with your library card!) for a vast collection of digital records.
- **Travel back in time:** Research local news with online access to newspapers dating back to 1877 – all from the comfort of your home!

Unveiling Ames's Past:

- **Step into the Heritage Room:** Located on the second floor (access through the business office), this room houses historical items specific to Story County and Ames.
- **Explore the Farwell T. Brown Photographic Archive:** Journey through Ames's history with a searchable online collection of photographs, postcards, advertisements, and news articles.

Start your genealogy journey today at the Ames Public Library!

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

November 1 – First Day of Native American Heritage Monty
November 3 - New York City Marathon
November 3 – Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 5 – Election Day
November 5 – Susan B Anthony Day (WV)
November 7 – Return Day (DE)
November 10 – Marine Corps Birthday
November 11 – Barack Obama Day (AL)
November 11 – Veterans Day
November 19 – George Rogers Clark Day (OH)
November 28 – Thanksgiving
November 29 – Nellie Tayloe Ross's Birthday (WY)
November 29 – State Holiday (GA)
November 29 – Lincoln's Day (IN)
November 29 – Day After Thanksgiving/Black Friday
November 29 – American Indian Heritage Day
November 29 – Native American Heritage Day

There are many other religious and regional holidays to celebrate. For worldwide holidays and observances: https://www.Timeanddate.com/holidays/.

Some of the observances are provided on the website: National Days 2025 – Calendar

Other Fun Holidays to Celebrate

November 1 - Calzone Day
November 1 – World Vegan Day
November 1 – Day of the Dead
November 1 – No Shave
November 3 – National Homemaker Day
November 3 – National Sandwich Day
November 4 – National Candy Day
November 5 – National Redhead Day
November 6 – National Nachos Day
November 7 – National Men Make Dinner Day
November 8 - National Cappuccino Day
November 8 – National Jersey Day
November 9 – World Adoption Day
November 11 – National Sundae Day
November 14 – National Family PJ Day
November 15 – National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day
November 16 – National Fast-Food Day November 16 – National Button Day
November 21 – World Television Day November 22 – Go For A Ride Day
November 23 – National Espresso Day November 26 – National Cake Day

Trees & Shrubs in Iowa #1 - SCGS Word Search #53 ***(Thanks to DNA List)***

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Answers at *Word Search Answers* on the Story County Genealogical Society website

ALDER	BUCKEYE	HACKBERRY	MAPLE	PLUM
ASH	CEDAR	HICKORY	MULBERRY	POPLAR
ASPEN	CHERRY	HOPTREE	OAK	REDBUD
BASSWOOD	CHOKECHERRY	HORNBEAN	PAWPAW	SERVICEBERRY
BIRCH	CRABAPPLE	IRONWOOD	PECAN	SUMAC
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